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7,000 tourists cancel trip to NMI

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Some 7,000 tourists have so far canceled their trips to the CNMI in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor's devastation that has turned much of what was once billed as a "paradise" into a disaster zone.

Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio said the typhoon has caused the shutdown of night flights, which was one of the reasons for the cancellations.

He did not specify but said a bulk of the cancellations came from "various Asian countries."

For now, there is no specific date from the airline companies on the resumption of the night flights, but the airlines companies are "working on resuming the flights," Tenorio said.

One good thing, Tenorio said, is that CNMI hotels continue to operate so that tourists who are now on Saipan are being accommodated.

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POST-SOUDELOR CLEANUP

Several payloaders clean up parts of Beach Road in Garapan yesterday. Large trunks and branches of fallen trees along the street were moved to clear the road and pathway.

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'Reboot of relief and assistance operations needed'

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There is an urgent need to "reboot" the way relief and assistance is being carried out for those affected by Typhoon Soudelor in the CNMI, according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), who added that some of the relief and assistance operations in the wake of one of the most destructive typhoons that hit the islands in recent memory were just "unacceptable."

"Obviously not everything is going as planned," Sablan said.

He cited Sunday's apparent confusion in the way relief goods were distributed at the American Memorial Park,

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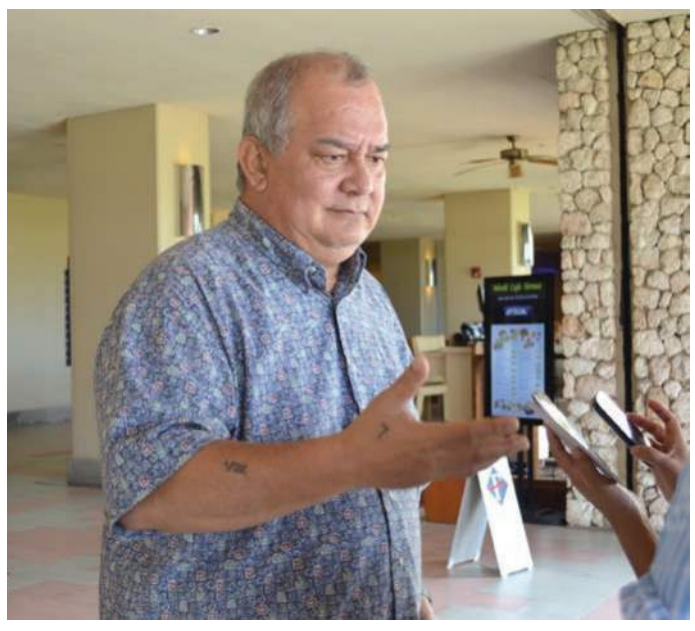

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan explains that there is an urgent need for a "fresh start" on the relief and assistance efforts in the CNMI in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor. JOEL PINAROC

CUC: No ETA on full power restoration

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» Riegel: 'Up to 800 power poles' down

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. wants to clarify reports that power will be back up in a month—just 30 days after Typhoon Soudelor crippled CUC's power grid over a week ago.

"I am hearing bits and pieces that the power is going to be restored to the island of Saipan in 30 days and that's not going to happen. We will have power in some places within that amount of time but it's going to be all dependent on the delivery and shipment of materials that are not here," acting CUC executive director John Riegel told *Saipan Tribune.*

The U.S. Department of Energy reported last week that about 276 poles need replace-

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CNMI govt 'clears' confusion at disaster recovery center

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The CNMI government has sent some of its employees to "clear things up" after hundreds of residents trooped to the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center early Monday hoping to get assistance.

LJ Castro, public information specialist of the Office of the Governor, confirmed that residents went to the center, which is one of the designated disaster recovery center by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

But the DRC is not yet opened to the public as it is still being retrofitted with generators and landlines.

"We've been trying to tell everyone that Disaster Recovery Centers are still in the process of being established. Sometimes, information gets out slower than we want to but that does not mean we are not pushing it out,"

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CPA welcomes in 747, Antonov cargo FEMA-aid planes

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority welcomed in a Kalitta Air 747 freighter and an Antonov cargo plane carrying generators and critical utility supplies to support relief efforts on island as part of Federal Emergency Management Agency aid yesterday.

The Kalitta Air plane arrived at the Saipan International Airport around 1pm. *Saipan Tribune* observed a FEMA logistics team and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers official coordinate the unloading of the generators on the plane.

A FEMA official on site said the generators were "10-R" 500 to 600 kilowatt generators weighing nearly 15,000 lbs each.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been testing, preparing, and supervising the installation of generators on island once unloaded and brought to FEMA's staging area.

Bond Luddeke, FEMA's federal staging area unit leader, said a U.S. Air Force unit helped unload the planes.

"Flying generators is not an easy feat but we got the plane loaded. Got it and other spare parts out of Hawaii and landed here," Luddeke said in an interview outside the gates of the terminal.

"I have a small group of staging area team [with me]. We are checking off what comes in and making sure that there are no hiccups. Fortunately, the airport authority here has been dynamite, they have been taking care of us."

"Everybody from FEMA and all our partner agencies are ready to be here. We work as hard as you can to get you back on your feet right away," he said.

FEMA has been flying in cargo by air and by sea, but are flying only in daylight hours because of the lack of runway lights after the destructive Typhoon Soudelor more than a week ago.

FEMA brought in eight Federal Aviation Administration technicians to assist CPA with repairs of their navigation aids, according to FEMA federal liaison officer Stephen De Blasio on Saturday.

DENNIS B. CHAN
FEMA flew in a relief plane from Hawaii to the Saipan airport yesterday afternoon, bringing in relief supplies but mostly generators for power restoration on island. Kalitta Air provides air cargo transportation.

Hawaii steps in for relief efforts for Saipan

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Families and friends in Hawaii have joined together for a relief drive that would soon be heading toward Saipan.

Upon learning about Typhoon Soudelor's destructive winds that left hundreds homeless and thousands without power and water, Lawrence "L.J." Duenas created a public group on Facebook called "Saipan Relief Hawaii Drive," which quickly attracted more than 100 followers.

Duenas, with the help of other residents, are working to fill a container with donated goods to assist in the relief efforts for Saipan.

The group has been able to secure a 40-foot container from Matson and is soliciting donations via their Saipan Relief Hawaii Drive Facebook page.

Donations could be brought to the CNMI's liaison office—the Marianas Liaison Office in Honolulu, Hawaii. A separate drop-off location for other donations is being identified and will be announced soon.

One member of the group, Carina Train, separately set up an Indiegogo fundraising campaign for Saipan. Train, born and raised on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, had the opportunity to live on Saipan for a few years.

Train's campaign, called "Sending ALOHA to Saipan," targets to raise $1,500 for Saipan. So far it has been able to raise $140 and is still ongoing.

Train said she was fortunate enough to be connected with the group of Hawaii/Saipan residents organizing the goods drive. Her Indiegogo funding campaign will last until Aug. 21.

The Hawaii's Salvation Army is also having a relief effort for Saipan on their website.

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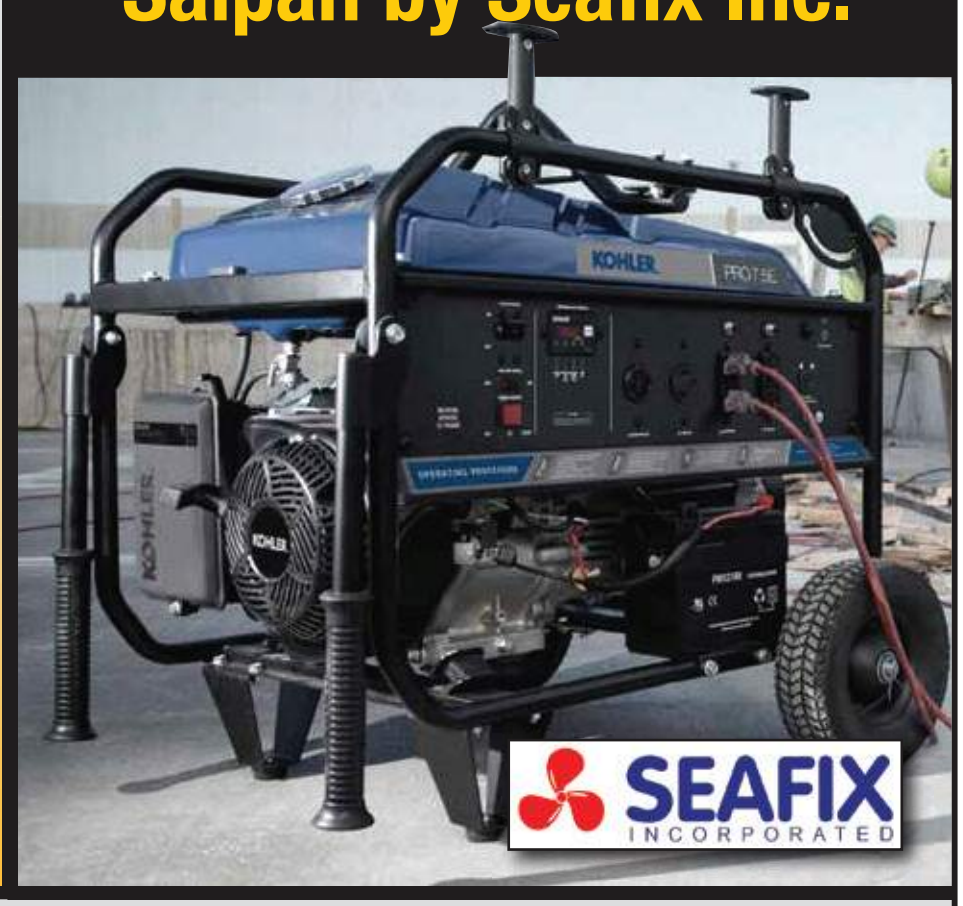

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Water service updates

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is in the process of restoring pressurized water to Saipan's villages and limited water service has already resumed in some locations.

The installation of a generator from the Army Corps of Engineers will allow CUC to begin charging the lines in Chalan Kiya today, Aug. 11. In advance of the line pressurization, customers are asked to check that all household water faucets and hose bibs are turned off as water begins to fill the distribution lines.

The limited water service in Chalan Kiya will initially be available for approximately two hours and will increase once Water personnel make their assessment of the system.

On Sunday, CUC charged the lines in three sections, beginning with the village of Chalan Kanoa in the first phase, and the villages of Susupe, Oleai, and San Jose in the second phase. CUC proceeded with the third phase of the restoration yesterday morning with the villages of San Antonio and Chalan Piao.

Customers between San Antonio and Oleai can expect to receive three hours of water per day at times to be released by CUC.

CUC will next proceed to pressurize the water lines north to Quartermaster Road in Chalan Laulau. As with the previous phases, water will initially be available for approximately two hours and up to four hours once Water personnel make their assessment of the system.

Given the challenges to water production and distribution posed by Typhoon Soudelor, it is critical for the community to immediately notify CUC of any water leaks. To report water leaks, contact CUC Water Manager Bernard Keremius by calling 888-6615.

As efforts to return water service to the villages continue, CUC will provide water to the residents of Saipan at five filling stations.

CUC will provide up to 100 gallons of water per household per day in As Teo, Capital Hill, Kannat Tabla, Kagman, and Navy Hill from 10am to 5pm daily, as we continue to restore essential services that were rendered inoperable by Typhoon Soudelor.

The filling stations in Kannat Tabla and Kagman will continue daily operations until the supply in each of the reservoirs is depleted. The Agag, Capital Hill, and Navy Hill reservoirs are filled by water flowing from the same pump and will remain open indefinitely, provided the pumping system is operational or until CUC achieves a more stable solution to Saipan's water needs.

The water made available at the filling stations is strictly for non-commercial residential use. No water buffaloes will be filled.

Until further notice, all water provided by CUC will also need to be sanitized through the use of chlorine bleach or boiling before it can be used by the community.

Instructions for sanitizing

FOR BOILING: Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.

FOR CHLORINATING: Alternatively, customers may also disinfect their water using bleach. As a result, we advise the community to boil their water or disinfect with bleach using the following measurements:

CONTAINER SIZE	AMOUNT OF BLEACH	
	CLEAR WATER	CLOUDY WATER
1 GALLON	3 DROPS	6 DROPS
5 GALLON	15 DROPS	30 DROPS
55 GALLON	1-½ TEASPOONS	1 TABLESPOON
100 GALLON	3 TEASPOONS	2 TABLESPOONS
500 GALLON	5 TABLESPOONS	½ CUP
1,000 GALLON	½ CUP	1 CUP

NOTE: Allow the water to stand in a covered container, away from the sunlight, if possible, for at least 30 minutes.

The water filling stations serve as CUC's response to the community's immediate need for water. Our engineers have spent days assessing site capabilities and developing a strategy with the Army Corp of Engineers to improve our water situation.

Once integrated into the CUC network, generators from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency will restore CUC's ability to produce water, albeit in a reduced capacity.

The generators will serve as a temporary solution to the water outage, as engineers continue restoration of CUC's water production capability on a permanent basis.

For more information, visit CUC's website, www.cucgov.org, or contact CUC's Customer Call Center at 664-4CUC (664-4282). ***(CUC)***

Shell, Mobil assures sufficient fuel

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There is sufficient fuel to meet the needs of Saipan, according to Mobil Oil Marianas Islands, Inc. and Mobil Oil Guam Inc. president Charles Ewart.

Responding to rumors of possible fuel shortage, Ewart clarified with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that based on typical demand at Mobil service stations, "we have sufficient supplies of gasoline."

"We can only talk about the supplies that Mobil has. …The shipping container that flew into our terminal during the typhoon had damaged the tank containing Super Unleaded, and that stock for just that grade of gasoline is limited at this time," Ewart said.

Debris from Typhoon Soudelor damaged one of Mobil's storage tank at the Port of Saipan, causing thousands of gallons of fuel to spill into a containment bund area around the tank. The tank held about 120,000 gallons of gasoline.

Ewart said their efforts in the last two days were focused on stopping the leakage safely. That has already been done.

"We have plenty of stock for diesel at this time as we hold stock for the power plant, which is currently not operating. We also have sufficient stock of jet fuel for the airplanes," Ewart said.

"It is not our practice to discuss details of our operations, save to say that those issues have been resolved and we are returning to normal operations at our service stations," he added.

One site that has yet to start operation due to damage caused by the typhoon is the Mobil station in Chalan Piao.

"We are working to restart as soon as we can. Our tanker is due on Saipan sometime next week. Separately, since last Tuesday, we have had at least one Mobil service station open every day for emergency services," Ewart said.

Mobil service stations weren't able to open daytime Sunday, Aug. 9, due to logistics issues that were later resolved that same day, resulting in Mobil opening up four stations in Middle Road, Chalan Kiya, Susupe, and San Vicente from 7pm to midnight.

The same stations also opened yesterday starting at 7am following replenishment of supplies.

IP&E Shell stations

IP&E marketing manager Camille Denight also assured that Shell isn't "short on fuel."

In a statement late afternoon yesterday, Shell said that its service stations in Puerto Rico, Gualo Rai, Highway Express, Susupe, and Airport Road will continue to provide V-Power and diesel fuel from 8am to 5pm everyday until further notice.

Shell Koblerville will remain for government official emergency vehicles only.

IP&E Holdings managing director Brian Bamba said that IP&E is working with the Office of the Governor to support the fuel needs of responders and recovery team to bring stability to Saipan and the public.

The limit for purchase of fuel at Shell stations is $50, not $20.

"IP&E's terminal operations and Shell service station employees have gone beyond the call of duty to service the residents of Saipan during this difficult time. …We want to thank our customers for your patience and understanding and most importantly your support of all of these hardworking individuals," Bamba said.

"We have made it our responsibility to provide fuel to the island while maintaining the highest standards of safety for our employees, customers, and the environment," he added.

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Car insurance doesn't usually cover typhoon damage

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Dozens of people have been filing, or at least trying to file, for claims in various insurance companies on the island following the destruction of properties due to Typhoon Soudelor.

Among the most inquired property for claims are damaged cars, which are quite a common sight on the island today.

Unfortunately, most cars, if not all, are not covered by their insurance policies for damage caused by a typhoon.

"Unless they really inquired about this, chances are, they have no cover for typhoon," Gol Cruz, general manager for Century Insurance Co., said.

According to three of the insurance companies on island—Century Insurance Co., Calvo's Insurance, and AON Insurance—car insurance doesn't automatically cover damage incurred because of a typhoon and that most of their clients don't have typhoon coverage.

"You have to pay extra premium to cover that," Corpuz said.

While damage caused by earthquakes and falling objects may be covered by a comprehensive or "full coverage" car insurance, Corpuz said that typhoons are "more risky," that's why it's not included.

"There's a separate premium for that under the current tariff," Corpuz said. "The tariff is regulated by the insurance commissioner so you can say that you cannot deviate from that. The fact that they have separate premium for typhoons, it means its optional cover rather than mandatory. It is not automatic."

Corpuz said some of their clients were surprised that they don't have coverage but that "policies state very clearly that typhoons are not included."

He said insurance coverage for typhoon costs 20 to 30 percent more than those without coverage.

However, Corpuz said car damage claims "might fall under property, depending on how the policy is written." This could happen if cars or vehicles are stated as part of one's property.

Building insurance

Aside from cars, claims for buildings for residential and commercial are also being filed.

"We're still assessing, collating damage that were inflicted by Typhoon Soudelor," Calvo's general manager Eli Buenaventura said, adding that they've been calling their clients one by one and that they will be visiting to check on the damage.

"We are ready to pay. We are looking for ways to pay. We're not looking for denial," he added.

CIC said about two dozen have already filed claims with them.

"It could increase as days go by. We understand people are still trying to regroup themselves in this aftermath, trying to fix whatever they could fix, then later on they might file a claim," Corpuz said.

Asked if they have an estimate on how much the total claims would amount to, the companies said they don't have it yet.

"I don't have an estimate yet," AON's senior underwriter Tom Bernardo said.

"We're talking about millions here. Right now we cannot determine exactly," Corpuz said.

CUC to re-energize Kagman reservoir next

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will focus on reenergizing the Kagman reservoir after installing a generator at the Chalan Kiya area's Duenas well yesterday, according to acting CUC executive director John Riegel.

CUC brought the generator up early afternoon yesterday, according to Riegel. They aim to begin providing pressurized water in Chalan Kiya today. CUC has begun restoring limited water services to several villages on island.

"The goal is install a generator down in Kagman," Riegel told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The USS *Ashland* delivered 10 generators ordered by the Federal Assistance Management Agency on Saturday to the island.

CUC—after installing a generator in Chalan Kiya—has brought up four of these generators prioritized for water service restoration.

Meantime, CUC brought up a generator late into the night on Sunday at their Sadog Tasi wastewater treatment plant, according to Riegel.

The power outage after Typhoon Soudelor rendered a plant generator unoperational. Waste was not receiving secondary treatment until the generator was restored on Sunday. ***(Dennis B. Chan)***

CUC

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ment. CUC reports 300 poles damaged as of press time.

But Riegel said yesterday that further assessment has revealed a higher number of poles that need replacing.

"The number is up to 800 power poles now," Riegel said based on the percentage of poles observed so far. Once the final assessment is done and all lateral lines off the feeders checked, CUC will know the actual number.

"There is not anything close to that on Guam [for spare poles]," Riegel said of the current count.

CUC has no spare power poles as of Aug. 9, according to DOE. All poles in stock have been used in the restoration efforts.

"We are going to have to ship posts from the [United] States. And there are all kinds of other hardware and conductors—there's a lot to getting fully restored."

Riegel said there are still more remote areas on island that haven't been assessed yet and issues CUC might discover that they don't know of.

"We cannot put a number on it because…there is still a lot of unknowns," he said of damage to CUC's grid.

Meantime, CUC is close to generating power at Power Plant 4, which will return the local hospital below Navy Hill back to the power grid and not on its own generator.

"That's the primary goal so we are close to getting that objective," he said.

"Most of the problems at Power Plant 4 are that the generators got wet. If you power up a generator when it is wet, you'll get arcing and sparking and shorting… and what might have taken you two weeks to dry out will take you a year to get repaired. That's why we have to be very cautious and make sure that it's dried out" and test measures "all come out clean."

"We are in the process of drying it out now and we are hopeful in a couple of days we are going to get it up here," Riegel added.

CUC will test the generator and do dry runs.

DOE on Sunday said that CUC estimates one unit at Power Plant 4 to return to service on Aug. 14.

Since Typhoon Soudelor tore through Saipan over a week ago—downing power poles and lines and forcing President Barack Obama to declare a state of disaster—all of CUC's 13,800 electric customers on Saipan remain without power.

CUC was able to restore limited water pressure to some villages Sunday and officials opened a fifth station where residents can collect potable water. Water is rationed at 100 gallons per day for each family and stations are open from noon to 7pm. ***(With AP)***

REBOOT

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where hundreds of people had to queue up for hours—under a blistering sun—to wait for the relief goods

"I had to tell people to leave their names and register and then come back after an hour or so," Sablan said, lamenting that immediately after, some parties disseminated misinformation to make it look like the people were being told to "go away."

Sablan also cited shelters that are "unacceptable and filthy," and that through all of these, his plea to federal agencies remain unheard as of yesterday.

"I had a lengthy conversation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and with [representatives] in Washington, D.C. and told them that I was very disappointed," Sablan said.

He also expressed his dissatisfaction with FEMA, which despite getting thousands of registrants seeking assistance, has failed to conduct visits.

"Not one home has been visited, which is unacceptable, I will continue to pressure FEMA, of course, our government has its own faults too," Sablan said.

One of the changes, according to Sablan, is that the American Red Cross will now receive all FEMA resources—tents, food, and water—and get the resources out to those in need.

Sablan, however, said FEMA and the federal government promised him a "new and fresh" start. He added that "now is not the time for looking at faults, and I am here to extend help as much as I can."

"I had a long and contentious discussion with the federal government and they promised to start fresh," Sablan said.

When asked what concerns FEMA had with the apparent confusion, Sablan declined to comment saying that he does "not want to go in the past, past is past, so let's focus on the future."

Sablan also clarified that it is his office that made the request to Pacific Command to tap U.S Marines to come to the CNMI to assist.

Frustrations

On Monday, residents went in droves to the designated distribution centers, only to be told that there will be a delay.

The delay lasted hours, and many of the residents had to queue up under the hot sun to get relief goods.

Some of those who queued up—with children in tow—expressed frustrations over the long queues, and the apparent failure of those involved to give the proper information on the actual time that the distribution will take place.

Some expressed frustrations on the actual relief goods that were distributed, saying that "it is not worth making the trip" just to get ready-to-eat food and water contained in boxes, which many mistook for milk.

Direct aid

A total of 536 people remain in nine school shelters across the island.

"It's like Saipan in the '70s. We are getting our news from the radio like back in the old days," said Garapan resident Joe Taijeron, legal counsel for the Legislative Bureau assigned to the House of Representatives.

His house withstood the storm, but his family—fiancée Jamika and her 6- and 7-year-old sons—are living with no power or water.

"I see a lot of people rebuilding, and there's a lot of hammering going on at night. Cleanup is so remarkably slow," said Taijeron. "There really should be more direct aid to the people, but there isn't for whatever reason." ***(With AP)***

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Castro said, adding that there was "miscommunication."

However, Castro said the proper authorities—government employees and federal representatives—"did get a chance to square things up."

"Most of the concerns there are FEMA registrations. So some of our staff [went] there and tried to alleviate the confusion. They were there to tell the public that nothing is open for now," Castro said.

Castro also dispelled rumors of assistance being made available at the center.

Rumors

There have been rumors that assistance in the form of cash vouchers were being made available at the DRC.

Rumors that the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Nutritional Assistance Program is giving away food stamp at the Multi-Purpose Center also circulated as early as Sunday evening.

Some confused residents asked for confirmation on the distribution of food stamps. Asked if they are distributing, the NAP said "not today."

NAP director Walter Macaranas said they did not announce any distribution of food stamps yet. He added that they are in the process of discussing issuance of food stamps following the disaster brought by Typhoon Soudelor.

Macaranas added that they will announce and inform the public if they are indeed going to distribute food stamps

FEMA update

A statement from press secretary Ivan Blanco said the number of FEMA registrants have reached 3,018 as of yesterday evening.

Blanco said the FEMA "differentiates registrants based on what they indicate during their call in or when registering online."

Of the total, 2,172 are seeking individual assistance while 846 were the combined total for businesses, homeowners and renters.

The CNMI government continues to urge residents to register via 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) and through the website at www.fema.gov. ***(With Frauleine S. Villanueva)***

TOURISTS

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This also means the MVA's tour partners can continue inviting tourists.

Tenorio said the MVA's tour partners are being kept abreast of progress as relief and recovery efforts continue on Saipan.

"What we continue to do is share with the MVA's travel partners what is happening and tell them that government is working to get the island back to acceptable conditions," he said.

Speaking of tourists on island, Tenorio said the MVA has not gotten any reports of injuries or casualties.

He admitted that the 7,000 cancellation will impact tourism, at least for the month of August which, he said is "usually very busy."

"For August of last year, the number was 47,000. This will be obviously be lower for this month because of the cancellations," Tenorio said, adding that "despite the damage, we'll do our best to accommodate tourists. What is critical is to make sure the hotels remain open."

Tenorio added that there are "no indications" that hotels will be closed, although some have been damaged.

"There is an ongoing assessment from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands," he said.

Tenorio added that the hotels do not have any issues so far when it comes to water and fuel supplies.

"Initially, fuel was a concern, but when the service stations opened, this has been addressed," he said.

Many hotels are also accommodating local residents who are seeking refuge in hotels due to the lack of power and water in their own homes. There are reports, though, that some guests are bringing in other families, cramming them into single rooms, in violation of hotel policy.

Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan on Aug. 3, devastating much of the island of Saipan and leaving thousands of residents without power and water.

The typhoon later killed about five persons in Taiwan, five are missing, and caused more than 3 million households to lose electricity. All 279 domestic flights on the island were canceled Saturday, as well as at least 37 international flights. At least 101 people were injured in the storm.

STORIES FROM THE SHELTER

A man runs to his family; a family hides in cabinet

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Cecil Canarejo points to their ruined house in Tanapag after Typhoon Soudelor hit. She said they are now looking for a new home to rebuild their lives.

While most residents hunkered down inside their homes to weather the wrath of Typhoon Soudelor, Ben Repeki was by himself outside, running to a place of safety.

He could have gotten on his vehicle but, with a fallen tree already blocking the driveway, there was nothing else to do but run.

As gusts of destructive winds and heavy rains battered everywhere and poles came down one by one around 10:30pm, Repeki was trying his hardest to put one foot in front of the other, the thought of seeing his family the only thing that made him press onward.

"The wind was strong already. I'm lucky I made it because the wind was pushing me. It was hard for me to walk. But I managed to run and I'm lucky I made it out," Repeki said.

Prior to the typhoon's arrival, Repeki secured his family at the Tanapag Middle School shelter but, being the man of the household, he wanted to stay at their home in their village.

"I have to secure the home… I was hoping to stay at home but it got bad," Repeki said.

"I felt already that [the house] will give way so I started moving," he recounted.

Repeki's wife, Maggie, was herself struggling with her own fears.

"He was crying. I was so in a hurry to see him," she said, a worried tone still in her voice.

"He secured us but he stayed behind," she added.

If Repeki had delayed his decision to run for his life, it might have been too late.

"I went back there and I looked at it, and there's nothing left. Everything's scattered. My house is totally damaged," he said

"It's scary. It's Mother Nature, it's scary. You have to be scared," Repeki added.

A whole family hides in a cabinet

Terror was what the Laude family felt inside their home a couple of blocks away from the Repeki's.

As the tornado-like winds ravaged their house made of tin and wood, they first tried to hide under their bed. Eventually, with water pouring down through the nonexistent roof, they were forced to transfer.

Inside a wooden cabinet was where they found refuge.

"We hid inside my daughter's cabinet, all four of us," Gemma Laude said.

She said they stayed there all night, on bended knees until daylight came.

"In my 22 years here, this is the worst that I have ever experienced," Laude said.

Over at the Laude's neighbor's house, the Canarejo family was struggling to survive as well. Running from one room to the next, they tried to find a dry and safe spot for them to spend the night.

"It really felt like someone was trying to pull our roof off by hand. That's how strong the winds were," Cecil Canarejo said.

"I've been through a lot of cyclones in the Philippines but this is the worst," she added.

According to Canarejo, they weren't able to receive much warning about the typhoon. Yet despite everything, she said they were still very lucky.

"I cannot sleep well at night but I am still thankful to the Lord for saving us and no one got hurt," Canarejo said.

These families stayed at the Tanapag Middle School and Tanapag Head Start after Soudelor hit, bringing what small things they can salvage from their homes.

While some of them took photos, some wanted to wait for FEMA before they touch everything as they have nothing to document the damage, much more to rebuild.

"We're expecting them to come around to do their assessment but I haven't seen one of them yet," Repeki said.

"I want them to come and see the damage," he added.

As for the Laudes and the Canarejos, they no longer plan to live in their old houses. They are now looking for a new place to call home—a concrete one to keep their family safe from future typhoons as they all struggle to rebuild their lives.

Saipan Community School would like to inform our parents, students and the public that we will delay the start of classes to August 17, 2015.

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DOG POUND DAMAGED BY SOUDELOR

Dogs at animal shelter need homes

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Dogs at the Saipan Mayor's Office animal shelter in Lower Base are in need of homes after the dog pound sustained severe damage from Typhoon Soudelor.

According to Jason Hudy, who coordinates the efforts for Saipan Cares for Animals, there are more than 20 dogs at the shelter.

Hudy said the shelter was badly damaged, and out of their 40 kennels, only 19 of them are usable at the moment. Half of the shelter's roof is now gone and debris is everywhere.

"We have 23 dogs currently living in small 'transport cages,' which are not fit for them to live in. For the next two weeks from Sunday, Aug. 9 to 23, I will personally pay the $30 registration fee for anyone who is looking to adopt a puppy or dog and give them a good, loving home. Simply message me directly," Hudy said.

Hudy said those interested in adopting can message him through their Facebook fan page, Saipan Cares for Animals, and set up the time and visit.

"I'll pay the registration fee, so the dog will be completely free to you if you can give him or her a great life," he said.

The group has also started a GoFundMe page (http://www.gofundme.com/3u3u8gubes) to raise the money needed to rebuild the Saipan animal shelter. The page has so far raised more than $4,000 from more than 30 donors within six days.

Hudy said that Humane Society International is willing to help the group.

"Things are still moving slow here but we do have help flying into Saipan in the next three to four days, so we will just try to hold on at the shelter until reinforcements arrive but this money will help as we set to hire cleaning crews to help us clean and contractors to help us rebuild," he said.

Hye Won Kwon named to dean's list

WHEATON, IL—Wheaton College (Ill.) student Hye Won Kwon of Saipan was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2015 semester.

To earn Dean's List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

Wheaton College (Wheaton, Ill.) is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country. For more information, visit wheaton.edu. ***(PR)***

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARLON B. ANCHETA	)	FCD–PA
	)	CIVIL ACTION
Petitioner	)	NO. 15-0326
	)	
vs.	)	**SUMMONS**
	)	**FOR**
NESHELL B. ANCHETA	)	**PUBLICATION**
	)	
Respondent	)	
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TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is PMB 212 Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filling your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filling.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2015.

/s/ Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of the
Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT)
Environmental Impact Statement/
Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS)
Record of Decision

The U.S. Navy has announced its decision to implement its Preferred Alternative (Alternative 1) to support and conduct military readiness activities primarily within established military areas of the MITT Study Area. The Navy made its decision after carefully considering the potential impacts that training and testing activities may have on the human, natural and cultural environment and comments from the public on the proposal and environmental analysis. Training and testing activities will include the use of active sonar and explosives, pierside sonar maintenance and testing alongside Navy piers located in Inner Apra Harbor, and land-based training activities at existing ranges and other training locations on Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Navy's Record of Decision and Final EIS/OEIS are available online at **www.MITT-EIS.com** and at the following public libraries: University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, Tinian Public Library and Rota Public Library.

Inos seeks another extension of DEIS comment period

Gov. Eloy S. Inos is asking for another extension of the comment period for the draft environmental impact statement on military activities in the CNMI.

"An extension is needed until at least the middle part of September and I hereby request an extension of time to receive public comments and to allow NMI agencies to return to normal conditions and complete their work," Inos said in a letter to Craig B. Whelden, executive director of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific.

The governor said "in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor, and following President Obama's declaration of a major disaster in the Northern Mariana Islands, I believe it absolutely necessary and hereby request an extension of the public comment period on the CJMT Draft EIS from its present closing date of Aug. 17, 2015, 5pm (Eastern Time)."

"Although I wish we could suggest or request a date by which we could be certain to complete the necessary environmental review work, unfortunately under the circumstances and at this time we cannot," Inos said.

The governor, who arrived on the CNMI yesterday from a long vacation in the mainland, said, "The overall conditions on Saipan right now are such that it is practically impossible to know when the islandwide cleanup, power and water restoration, access to government offices and work stations, and other recovery activities presently underway will be accomplished to the point where we can finalize our environmental review comment work."

Inos also cited the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor, which is by far the most powerful typhoon that has the passed through the Northern Mariana Islands in recent history, causing great damage to most basic infrastructural resources.

"Until the recovery efforts have progressed further, under the circumstances our residents and citizens cannot be expected to submit comments and NMI employees who were working on the NMI's written response to the CJMT Project cannot complete their work," he said.

Washington Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said he supports Inos' request for an extension.

"I fully support Gov. Inos' request for an extension on the comment period for the CJMT/DEIS. In this current state of disaster, it is difficult for the citizens of the Northern Marianas, and the local government, to focus on anything other than the recovery effort. We need all hands on deck at this extremely challenging time," he said. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

Tinian delegates, others donate to Salvation Army

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, together with Sen. Jude Hofschneider, municipal treasurer Charlene Lizama and councilman Edwin Hofschneider, donated $5,220 as well as food and water supplies to the Salvation Army yesterday after holding a fundraiser and donation drive last week.

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A delegation from Tinian donated cash and supplies to the Salvation Army yesterday for those who need help following Typhoon Soudelor's destruction on Saipan.

Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas together with Sen. Jude Hofschneider, municipal treasurer Charlene Lizama, and councilman Edwin Hofschneider delivered food and water as well as a check for $5,220 to the Salvation Army at their office in Chalan Piao.

They also delivered 70 cases of water and about 500 lbs of food such as canned goods and other non-perishables.

"We certainly want to thank them all and the people of Tinian. That was an incredible amount," Pastor Wayne Gillespie of the Salvation Army said.

The donations were from the Saipan Relief Raffle Fundraiser and Donation Drive that was held last Friday by the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan Island.

Aside from Tinian, many have also donated to the Salvation Army.

"The International House of Pancakes in Guam was the very first who donated water and enabled us to give water to families. We also want to thank the Bank of Hawaii for their donation of $10,000 to help us in our efforts and we're very grateful to all our donors," Gillespie said

Foremost Group also donated 200 cases of milk while Pacific Trading Co. donated 200 cases of juice. Ina-Taek Hwang and HanaTour donated canned stews, ramen, and water.

757 meals served last Sunday

The Salvation Army has been providing hot meals and water every day to the public since Aug. 5. They operate from 12pm to 4pm.

As of 2pm yesterday, they were able to serve more than 400 meals.

Gillespie said the number of people dropping by has been increasing.

For the first day, they were able to serve 76 meals, 179 on the second day, and all the way up to some 757 last Sunday along with 770 bottles of water.

Volunteers

And while the need increases, volunteers for the soup kitchen also increased.

Yesterday, members of the United Methodist Church, Interact Club, and the Living Hope Church of the Nazarene were there to lend a hand. Volunteer Shelly Scott is now tasked to coordinate the daily volunteers to ensure that there will be people who will man the soup kitchen.

Last Saturday, about 20 members of the Saipan Young Professionals volunteered for the Salvation Army's soup kitchen. They prepared the meals, served dine-in families, provided water and even held signs to encourage passersby to stop by.

"During this time of need, we're glad to work alongside the Salvation Army to provide meals to families, especially those with young children. I'm humbled to be a part of the process and applaud the Salvation Army and members of the community that volunteer to help in any way they can," SYP chair Mable Ayuyu said.

HELPING HANDS

Airmen from the 36th Contingency Response Group landed on the island of Saipan on Aug. 9, 2015. The 48-square-mile island was battered by Typhoon Soudelor on Aug. 2, as the powerful storm made its way across the Pacific. The 36th CRG airmen deployed from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, to assist in storm recovery efforts. Numerous agencies are contributing to the relief effort including service members from the USS Ashland, Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 and Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

U.S. AIR FORCE/SENIOR AIRMAN JOSHUA SMOOT

Tinian mayor pushes changes to local bill regulating cockfighting, two other games

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Although Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas agrees with a local bill that seeks to regulate Tinian's cockfighting, bingo, and batu games, he proposes that it receives several amendments before passage.

House Local Bill 19-26 seeks to authorize, establish, and regulate the operation of Chamorro gaming of cockfighting, bingo, and batu on Tinian. The bill was introduced by Rep. Edwin P. Aldan (Ind-Tinian).

Aldan's bill seeks to place these traditional games under the regulatory powers of one gaming board. It will involve repealing the Tinian Cockfighting Act of 1988 and superseding the Tinian Cockfighting Board.

"Although I agree with every aspect of HLB 19-26 I would like to recommend amendments," San Nicolas said.

Under Section 3a of HLB 19-26, Aldan's bill provides for five board members appointed by the Tinian mayor, with the advice and consent of the Tinian Municipal Council. San Nicolas proposes that the advice and consent of the Tinian Municipal Council be removed.

San Nicolas also said that instead of limiting the cockfighting license to one year, it should be five years. He also recommends an amendment on the bingo and batu licenses to go from one year to three years instead.

Aldan's bill also seeks to implement a bidding process wherein all three games' minimum bids could be submitted to the proposed board. It proposes a minimum of $1,000 bid for a cockpit license, $200 for a bingo license, and $200 for a batu license.

San Nicolas said this should be amended and changed to a higher bidding fee for the license. His proposed amendment is $5,000 for cockfighting, $500 for bingo, and $500 for batu.

Aldan's bill was introduced on June 4, 2015, and is with the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

Magic! Live concert cancelled

Due to the devastation left behind by Super Typhoon Souldelor and being that people will still be in recovery mode, the Magic! Live in Saipan Concert has been canceled.

Ticket refunds can be made at Pacific Trading Co. between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Thank you for purchasing tickets in advance.

Tropical Productions Inc. and Pacific Trading Co wish Saipan a speedy recovery and look forward to announcing another concert in the near future! ***(PR)***

Delta, Red Cross partner to support Saipan relief efforts

Delta Air Lines is partnering with the American Red Cross through its Annual Disaster Giving Program, which allows Delta and the American Red Cross to be proactive in emergency disaster response, to support immediate relief efforts like the current typhoon response underway on Saipan.

After Typhoon Soudelor made landfall over the weekend on the Islands of Saipan and Tinian, both part of the United States Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Delta set up a microsite through the airline's partnership with the American Red Cross so that Delta employees worldwide could make a donation to support international services and the disaster relief effort.

The American Red Cross is helping people on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor slammed into the island with winds higher than 90 miles per hour. Red Cross workers are providing cots and generators to support government shelters as the damage assessment continues and most of the island is without power, including Saipan's Red Cross office.

The American Red Cross is Delta's longest-standing nonprofit partner. The partnership has allowed the airline, its customers and employees to help those in need for more than 70 years. In the past year alone, Delta people have donated 6,642 pints of blood to the American Red Cross, making Delta one of the largest corporate blood donors.

"As the only airline operating scheduled nonstop flights between Saipan and Tokyo, Delta is committed to help people affected by Typhoon Soudelor," said Vinay Dube, senior vice president – Asia-Pacific. "We've already started delivering relief products to Saipan on our flights and continue the effort with our employees and American Red Cross."

As people are affected by crises around the world, donations to the American Red Cross help to ensure that those individuals, families and communities who are most in need are helped quickly.

"Delta Air Lines is a highly-valued corporate partner of the American Red Cross, and we are proud of this partnership," said Gary Key, vice president, Southeast & Caribbean Division of the American Red Cross. "Delta's annual commitment as a member of the American Red Cross Annual Disaster Giving Program allows the Red Cross to respond at a moment's notice to help people affected by disasters, like the typhoon that has that has affected many Pacific islands. In addition, Delta team members have stood by our side, volunteering during disasters and rolling up their sleeves to give much-needed blood, saving lives across the country."

Due to stringent international security and customs requirements, Delta can only accept relief cargo shipments through pre-approved relief organizations including the American Red Cross. At this time, the Red Cross has requested monetary donations. Customers wishing to contribute in other ways should clear these requests through the Red Cross.

Impact to NRT-SPN flight operation

Delta's operation has been impacted by Typhoon Soudelor and cancelled seven round trips (14 one way flights) between Tokyo-Narita and Saipan since Aug. 2. On Aug. 5 and 6, Delta operated B747 with 376 seats to accommodate impacted passengers on Saipan. Delta is closely working with local airport authority and adjusts flight schedule as necessary, due to the current operational limitation at the Saipan International Airport. ***(Delta)***

IT&E reaches out to affected customers

IT&E is reaching out to help its business and residential customers whose properties have been affected by Typhoon Soudelor.

If you are unable to use any of IT&E's services that you are currently enrolled for, "please contact us immediately to temporarily suspend services. We would like to avoid charging you for services you are not receiving," the company said in a statement.

There are three ways to contact IT&E:

- Call Customer care at 611
- Stop by any of the two IT&E store locations—the main IT&E store in Chalan Laulau or the Wireless Express Center in Garapan, TSL Plaza Bldg.
- Email us at customerservice@itehq.net

You must be the owner of the account or an authorized representative of record, and you must be able to show proof (CPNI Policies Apply) in order to have your request accepted and processed.

"We will also place you on the list to assist you in reconnection and providing services back to your homes and businesses," the statement adds.

NMC employees asked to report to work Aug. 11

In her continuous updates to the campus, NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart thanked all Northern Marianas College employees for their efforts in helping not only the campus but the community in recovery efforts.

Hart also announced that all employees are to report to work beginning Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015. Faculty members are to report at 10am, based on information outlined below. Hart indicated that the college will be working with every employee to schedule their work weeks ahead.

"Many of you will be asked to assist with community work efforts, located near your homes, as our participation and involvement in helping our island here is also critical," Hart said. "We do not need, nor can we accommodate, all employees on campus. We still have significant areas that are hazardous, and only key individuals will be involved in those cleanup efforts."

It was also announced that on Aug. 11 at 10am in the BOR conference room, the faculty, academic staff, and other key leaders will be meeting to discuss/resolve a number of items: the end of summer semester, upcoming placement testing dates, registration dates, fall semester and spring semester calendar, to name just a few.

"I encourage faculty members to be present, as their work schedule for the semester will be determined at that time," Hart said.

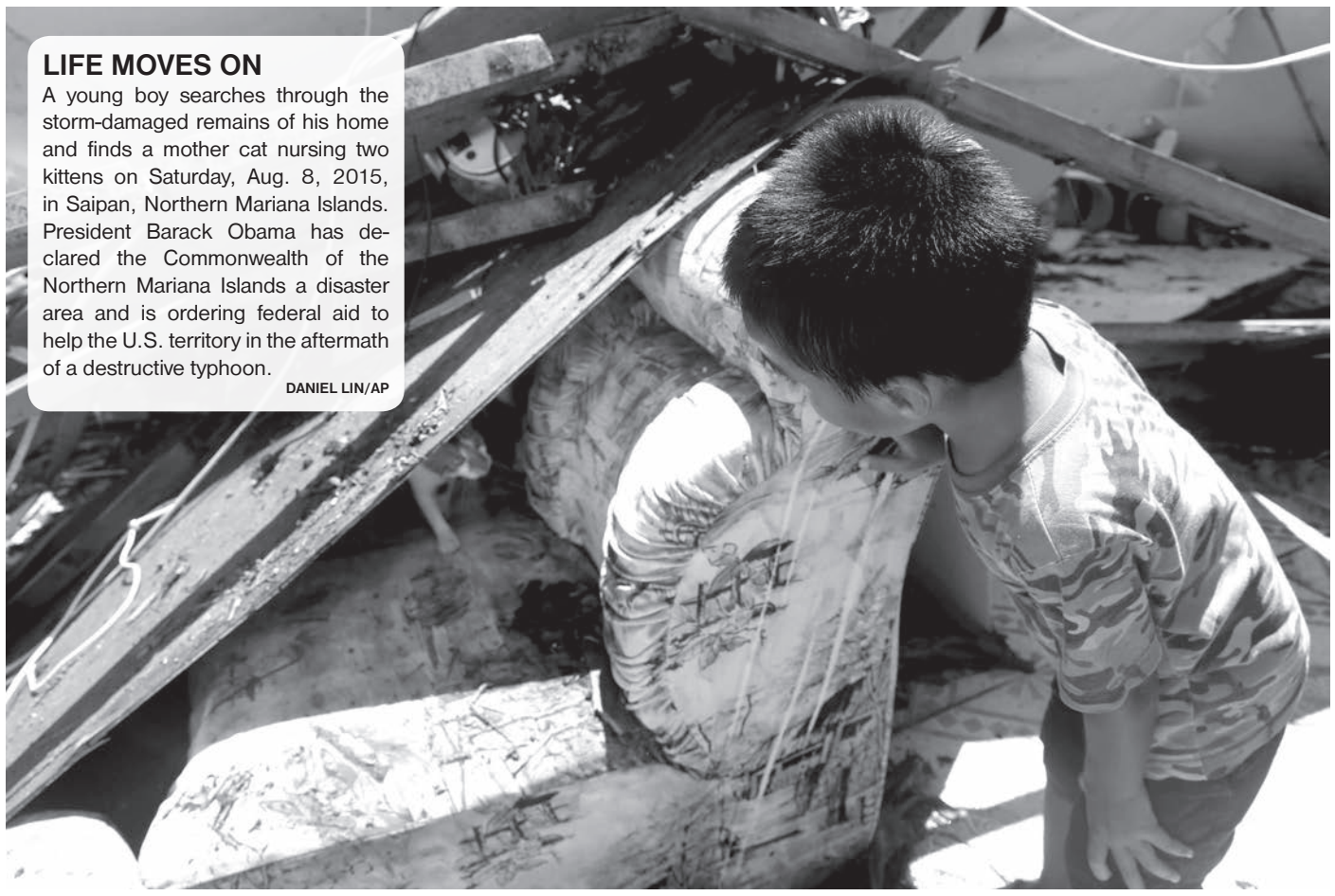
Hart emphasized the need to formalize the dates for upcoming semester so students can plan their semesters accordingly. She said that the college will use all communication channels to get the word out to students about the new dates for the upcoming semesters. ***(NMC)***

KSPN2 News rolls on

The CNMI's only television news station, KSPN, has added an Internet site to make it more accessible to moblle device users. Viewers may access KSPN news nightly at www.saipantv.com after 8pm.

"We are proud to have produced a nightly newscast without missing a show, even through hardships such as Typhoon Soudelor," said KSPN news director Bob Coldeen.

Although the Docomo cable television is down on Saipan, viewers may also access KSPN 2 News on its website, KSPN.com, with uploads after 8pm each evening Monday through Friday. Radio listeners can tune into the newscast at 6pm on KWAW Magic 100.3 on FM radio. ***(PR)***



LIFE MOVES ON
A young boy searches through the storm-damaged remains of his home and finds a mother cat nursing two kittens on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. President Barack Obama has declared the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a disaster area and is ordering federal aid to help the U.S. territory in the aftermath of a destructive typhoon.
DANIEL LIN/AP

Search continues for missing Marine in Guam

USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), at sea—The search continues for a Marine that went missing at approximately 5pm (Guam time), Aug. 9, after being swept out to sea while swimming near Tumon Bay in Guam.

The Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Navy are working in coordination with the Guam Fire Department to search the area where the Marine went missing. Aerial and surface search teams are involved in the search.

The Marine is part of Combat Logistics Battalion 31, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Okinawa Japan. The Marine was embarked on the USS *Green Bay* (LPD-20).

The identity of the Marine is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. *(Marine Corps Activity Guam)*

PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY

Applicants sought for Security Scholars Program

SUVA, Fiji—Limited financial resources, geographic isolation and a lack of exposure are a few of the many barriers that limit greater participation of Pacific Islanders in international affairs. Nevertheless, the Pacific Islands Society believes that these challenging circumstances provide a unique perspective for future policymakers and policy experts to develop innovative solutions to global problems.

Through the Pacific Security Scholars Program, PacSoc welcomes young professionals, postgraduate students, and research students to take part in a program that aims to inspire and empower a generation of leaders working toward a stronger voice for Pacific Islanders on international affairs.

Over the course of the program, participants will have the opportunity to have mentorship from leading experts and professionals at the highest level of foreign policymaking. Participants will also be given the opportunity to actively engage in these international discussions by publishing op-eds and policy recommendations in leading policy publications.

Lora Vaoileti, a participant from the inaugural class of Security Scholars, says the program "offers a unique balance of mentorship, structure, networks, and generous insight to young leaders…. What I felt and still feel differentiates the organization (and thus this program) is that this is a young, passionate and internationally spread organization with a big finger on the pulse of our region."

The Pacific Islands Society is now accepting applications from the following countries, territories, prefectures, and states: Fiji, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Nauru, Solomon Islands, New Zealand, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Niue, Republic of Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, American Samoa, Tokelau, Guam, Timor-Leste, Wallis and Futuna, Hawai`i, Okinawa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

If interested, send an expression of interest, C.V., and two recommendations to vicepresident@islandssociety.org. When submitting, paste the requested items in the body of the email rather than as attached documents. Applications will remain open until Nov. 1, 2015, or until the five Pacific Security Scholars are chosen.

About the Pacific Islands Society

The Pacific Islands Society (www.islandssociety.org) is an independent, non-partisan, non-governmental organization that develops and implements projects that inspire and empower Pacific Islanders around the world. These projects are currently organized around two main themes: community projects and next generation leaders. PacSoc's community projects center on nine issue areas, including charity, conservation, democracy, disaster relief, education, equality, health, innovation, and sustainability. PacSoc's next generation leader projects support artists, athletes, chefs, incubators, musicians, policymakers, storytellers, and technologists. ***(PR)***

DFS launches urgent fundraising appeal

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DFS Saipan has set up a charity fund to help members of its team affected by the catastrophic Super Typhoon Soudelor, which smashed into the Northern Mariana Islands on Aug. 2.

DFS Saipan reports that many of its staff lost their homes or had them severely damaged. Thankfully there has been no loss of life, and all the company's staff are safe.

Soudelor, the strongest typhoon so far in the 2015 season, packed winds of up to 150 km/h as it hit Saipan—destroying houses, knocking out power, flipping cars and downing trees.

The island is without power and suffering a shortage of fuel; the airport was closed for several days; and the tourism industry—Saipan's lifeblood—has been put on hold due to the massive infrastructure damage.

The storm, which had been expected to be weaker and pass to the north of Saipan, is reportedly the worst disaster to hit Saipan in almost 30 years.

To assist with the recovery, DFS Saipan has established a donation campaign fund at http://www.gofundme.com/saipandfs. Donations will go to DFS TEAM 670 CLUB, a non-profit organization registered in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The donated funds will be managed by DFS Saipan senior management and will be used to assist Saipan colleagues in rebuilding their lives. DFS is matching donations made to the fund. Tax donation receipts can be provided upon request.

The Moodie Report has made a donation to the fund and all further travel retail industry donations are particularly welcome at this time of immense hardship.

DFS has also donated $50,000 to the local chapter of the Red Cross and made a direct financial donation to all Saipan employees. It is also bringing in washers and dryers for employees' use.

RELIEF DISTRIBUTION DENNIS B. CHAN
U.S. Marines help unload water at a direct relief site at Hopwood Junior High School on Sunday.

Bank of Saipan gives 60-day loan payment deferral

Bank of Saipan is granting 60-day payment deferrals to all consumer and commercial loan customers whose accounts were less than 30 days past due at the time of the typhoon (August 2, 2015).

Our loan customers do not need to come to the bank to process any documentation, the deferral will be done automatically. As an example, if you were due for your August payment at the time of the typhoon, your new due date would be during the month of October, should you wish to keep paying your loan as scheduled, you may also continue to do that. There are no loan modification fees due on these payment deferrals. If you have a loan account with us that was more than 30 days past due at the time of the typhoon, please come into our Chalan Kanoa Branch to see one of our loan representatives to discuss your account.

Additionally, until further notice, our hours of operation for all CNMI branches will be Monday through Friday 8:45am to 1:15pm. ***(BoS)***

PSS faculty report date pushed back; no date yet on class start for Saipan

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Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan said Sunday that certified Public School System faculty and staff on Saipan are due to report to work on Aug. 24, a week from the original date of Aug. 17.

"It has been a week now since the island of Saipan was devastated by Typhoon Soudelor. We hope for the very best as you and your families begin to recover and restore the damage incurred at your home. On behalf of the Board of Education and the PSS key management, I would like to extend to all of you our hope, courage, and the best during this difficult time," the education chief said in a statement.

Sablan said the school leadership has been very busy in the past few days with the key management and many PSS Central Office program managers in conducting preliminary damage assessment in all schools and centers.

She said they have determined in a consultation meeting last Thursday that it will not be feasible for schools and the Head Start centers and Early Intervention on Saipan to begin classes on Aug. 25 as earlier approved by the Board of Education.

"As a result of this, the report date for certified faculty and staff—190-day employees only—on Saipan has been changed from Aug. 17 to Aug. 24," she said.

Sablan said the start date of the school year for Saipan schools and centers will be announced sometime this week pending the final facilities damage assessment reports.

Classes on Rota and Tinian will resume as approved by the Board of Education.

Typhoon Soudelor struck Saipan the hardest with its destructive winds.

PSS has been assessing its damage to school facilities.

SBA disaster assistance for CNMI private nonprofit groups

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to certain private nonprofit organizations on the islands of Rota, Saipan, and Tinian following President Obama's federal disaster declaration for Public Assistance as a result of Typhoon Soudelor that occurred Aug. 1-3, 2015, announced Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet of the U.S. Small Business Administration. PNPs that provide essential services of a governmental nature are eligible for assistance.

"PNP organizations should contact Special Assistant Ivan A. Blanco, Communication and Protocol of the CNMI Office of the Governor, at (607) 237-8000 or ivan.blanco@gov.mp to obtain information about applicant briefings," said Director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West. "At the briefings, PNP representatives will need to provide information about their organization." FEMA will use that information to determine if the PNP provides an "essential governmental service" and is a "critical facility" as defined by law. If so, FEMA may provide the PNP with a Public Assistance grant for their eligible costs. If not, FEMA may refer the PNP to SBA for disaster loan assistance.

SBA may lend PNPs up to $2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to help with the cost of improvements to protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For certain private nonprofit organizations of any size, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help with meeting working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDLs may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the nonprofit suffered any property damage.

The interest rate is 2.625 percent with terms up to 30 years. The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is October 5, 2015. The deadline to return economic injury applications is May 5, 2016.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application via SBA's secure website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955 or emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. For more information about SBA's disaster assistance programs, visit http://www.sba.gov/disaster. ***(SBA)***

KNIGHTS DONATE TO SAIPAN CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of the Agat Knights of Columbus contribute to BankPacific's Typhoon Soudelor Relief Drive yesterday morning. Photo shows BankPacific's Agat Branch accepting the donation. From left, Darren Dela Paz, BankPacific Agat manager M.J. Cruz, Gerard Terlaje, Darrel Dela Paz, John Mantanona, and Kevin Susuico.

Island Snapshots

CAPITAL HILL, Saipan—Stephen Deblasio, federal coordinating officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, addresses dignitaries during a meeting to discuss Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts in Saipan's Emergency Operations Center. Marines and sailors assigned to the Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group arrived on Saipan on Aug. 8 to assist.
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SAIPAN HARBOR, Saipan—Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander of Joint Region Marianas, speaks with the commanding officer of the amphibious dock landing ship USS *Ashland* (LSD 48), Cmdr. Daniel P. Duhan, while onboard to thank the ship's crew for their work during Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts on Saipan. *Ashland* is assigned to the Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group and is on patrol in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.
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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Saipan—Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres, left, and Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, commander Joint Region Marianas, right, talk to Sgt. D.J. Camacho, a native of Saipan assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, assisting in Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts. Torres and Bolivar took an aerial tour of the island Sunday in an MV-22 Osprey from the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced).
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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Saipan—Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres poses with Sgt. D.J. Camacho, a native of Saipan serving in the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit assisting in Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts on the island. Torres took an aerial tour of Saipan on Sunday in an MV-22 Osprey assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 265.
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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, Saipan—An MV-22 Osprey tilt rotor aircraft assigned to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM) 265 (Reinforced) prepares to take off at Saipan International Airport for a tour of the affected areas with military and civilian officials. VMM 265 is assigned to the Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group on patrol in the Navy's 7th Fleet area of operations.
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U.S. Marine Lt. Col. Eric Malinowski, the commanding officer of Combat Logistics Battalion 31, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, speaks with U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, the commander of U.S. Naval Forces Marianas, and Ralph Torres, the acting governor of Saipan, about typhoon relief efforts on Saipan, Aug. 9, 2015.
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EDITORIAL

GOP debate too early, too goofy, shows process is busted

By DICK MEYER
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WASHINGTON—Dear readers, I have an ethical dilemma. Or maybe it's just a conflict with my own vanity and pomposity. Whatever.

The issue is that I really don't want to contribute to or further enable a pernicious aspect of American elections epitomized by Thursday night's Fox News debate. Writing a "straight" news analysis or commentary would be doing just that—legitimizing what every sane person on the planet knows is an idiotic way to pick a leader: a pseudo-debate between virtually random Republicans 15 months before the general election. This is the civic version of a delusional episode—kind of fascinating to watch but pathetic and unhealthy.

Satire is an effective and cathartic response. Even though, ironically, Jon Stewart chose Thursday night to sign off, there are plenty of other skilled professionals with a license to skewer. I hate to recommend that you abandon me here, but, honestly, go to YouTube for the best takedowns of this weird spectacle.

I am probably violating some canon of journalism by not praising any and all high-profile, national debates as important civic moments.

But I suggest that the significant story here is that having a circus act like this more than a year before the election is a symptom of a seriously unhealthy process: It drains the process of dignity; it brings out the very worst in politicians and the political press corps; and it further subordinates the dull business of government to the sport and spectacle of campaigning.

The length of campaigns in America is bizarre compared to every other democracy in the world. This year's election in Canada will last 11 weeks and is the longest in its history. Israel and the United Kingdom had elections this year that took about six weeks. They worked just fine.

The interminable length of our campaigns, in my book, is a corruption of our founding ideals and a dire systematic problem that needs reforming, not cheerleading.

I am not sure what the argument for long campaigns is. The current process wasn't intentionally designed; it was spawned by the unintended consequences of various attempted reforms and accidents. I also can't imagine a strong case that Thursday's debate, in August 2015, is good for the Republic. Maybe the defense is that more exposure to civic "discourse" is intrinsically good and educative. There can never be too much scrutiny of potential presidents.

Well, based on the historically low trust Americans have in government, it isn't working. Donald Trump's political delinquent act and two rounds of set piece orations by 17 wannabes won't help. The macro is more important than the micro, and I encourage that perspective.

I'll sully my ethical purity briefly for a few observations:

■ Trump's participation obviously adds to the goofiness and trivialization of the event—and to its entertainment value. If he weren't on the stage, I bet the ratings would have been way lower. He is judged as a performer, a circus act, a post-modern celebrity, a gag. He was a Big Apple on a stage with eight oranges and a neurosurgeon. His presence made it hard to take the whole thing seriously and it feels dirty to give him more attention.

■ I was truly shocked that none of the others had the guts to

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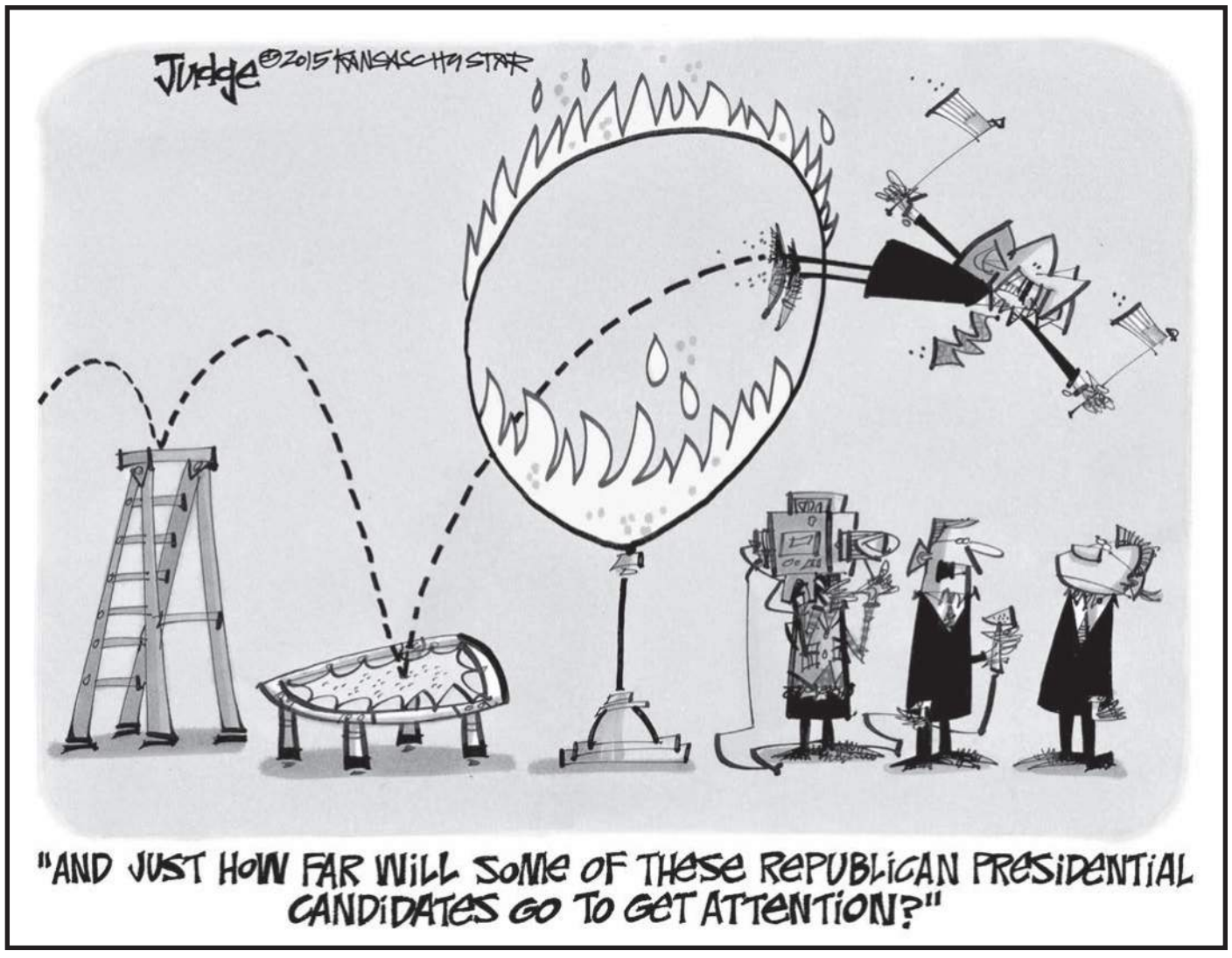

Saipan solidarity survives Soudelor

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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A colleague and his spouse were caught in Japan while Soudelor unleashed its surprising fury on Saipan; a NMC teacher with her 80-ish husband got stuck in Guam for 48 hours for the same reason. A critical CUC administrator was held back in Hagatña so he raced back on a 10-hour boat ride to beleaguered CUC.

I recently traveled to northeast China in what turned out to be the peak season for traveling tourists, and though the stop to Pusan on my way to Beijing was a long eight hours, it did not compare with the return that saw a five-hour delay in Shenyang, a six-hour layover in Beijing, 18 hours in Shanghai, and eight hours in Guam, before hitting the Saipan tarmac. I commiserated with those who were stranded due to the closed airport when Soudelor came calling.

It was not the fact that they were victims of Mother Nature's sudden ferocious turn of events that caught our fancy. It was the fact that there was almost a stoic acceptance of what transpired and a determination to move on. It was quiet on the blame whining front.

Severely affected CUC, with all its downed electrical poles that snapped with the wind or twisted like rolls on a bun turned contortionists (I took a picture of one of CUC's stations with mangled aluminum poles along Chalan Msgr. Guerrero), is driving planners not just to draft the short-term goal of getting the distributing lines back to condition but to consider constructing long-term underground trenches to keep electrical transmission lines buried and protected from the annual typhoons.

Knowing our colleague's compassion for the sector he serves, he will double his efforts to ensure that the differently-abled community receives all the assistance they deserve, often conveniently ignored or forgotten at large. Ditto for the NMC teacher over at the Nursing department.

Being a resident in a complex with enough infrastructure to generate its own power and pump its own water when CUC fails to deliver, I tend to act like a Hiroshima *Hibakusha* (disaster survivor) more than a Soudelor victim. Our generator ran into supply contradiction. Shell/Mobil parlayed their supplies to the best advantage even as the government forbade increases on the prices of food and related commodities affected by the consequences of short supply and high demand for gas.

Happily, four days after the storm, Mobil joined Shell to pump its liquid fuel to lined vehicles and canisters. Also, the supply of drinking water caught up before merchants were tempted to gouge our pockets to profit on the valuable bottled commodity. Again, that is an area where CUC planners can get into their drawing boards; how we can systemically produce and distribute potable fresh water to a burgeoning population. Having lived in many Pacific isles where the rainwater catchment was no longer sufficient, this is an issue urban planning cannot ignore. Our urban planner politician at UH will not miss this contradiction.

There was little murmuring on the side as newly typhoon-displaced employees of the company that owns our residence inundated the complex, getting the place its share of the temporary taking-the-couch visitors, or just those who share-the-shower kind. It is the parking that is being sorted out! Then the generator broke down.

Surprised by the direct hit of Soudelor, anticipated but ignored after several typhoons' expected fury failed to materialize, our complex did not even bother to board its windows for Soudelor, causing severe damage as the flying debris smashed into people's dwellings. One mother recounted how the fallen branch of a neighbor's mango tree shattered her windowpane, and the thick curtains protected her three cowering tots from injury.

The solidarity of a population still sawing its fallen trees was evident as folks brought their defrosting food out (without power, the refrigerator and freezers had too much food that had to be consumed quickly), built modestly fueled (though a bit moist) bonfires for the cooking and frolicked in the lagoon even with the overcast skies as another depression loomed to rain on the terrain. Just how much solidarity we can carry was bottomless!

Our complex did its share to conserve its envied position among the island's lit dwellings. The generator schedule staggered hours and in the austerity of the time, the symbolic power of solidarity with the suffering mass that the complex showed was not missed.

The ladies at our grocery store smelled each other, ensuring that the crow's bath they took was sufficient and the deodorant they applied was not overwhelming for the equally fragrant consuming public.

The blown leaves that dotted many structures dried up, naturally swept by the wind. We offered to help Uncle Lino pick up fallen branches in his yard by the lagoon. He nonchalantly commented that we will do that when the branches sufficiently dried up; meanwhile, he turned on the butane grill to roast instead.

Meanwhile, Soudelor wrought havoc in Taiwan (eight known dead) and the chest of chicken-shaped China in Fujian province. The Saipan pathway is finally showing cement. We overcame.

Mattirun Pagyu Saipan

Ni NOAA—ahensian federat ni timatitiye mattiempu—makat ha danche haf` fuetsan Typhoon Soudelor gi mapos na semana.

Magahet na namatman i kinatmaña mientras hafalalague i tanu` estake ha mulinu todu i hasoda` gi pueñgen Dameñgo, Agustu dia 2.

Ha chaflileg yan fugu` dos fitme na troñku gi menan guma`. Ayu `nai huhuchom i petta ya manayuyot-yu`. Pot primet biahe luhan-yu` pot finatton pagyu.

Gi sigiente dia haf` na dinanche Saipan atomic bomb. Manadan troñkun gagu yan telefon manchinaflulon, binegbog yan hinilog. Megai numanañga propiu infotmasion ginen hegsu imperadot I Deni`. Inipos silensiu na megai dumiside asuntu siha gi kaprechun niha.

Anog na tai ekspiriensia i segundu paire gi che`chu` gotpe gi bandan linahyan. Hokog esperansa. Ni hanom taya` gi señgsoñg siete dias dispues de pagyu. Guam, todu mañgalamten hanomña gi mina` tres dias. Dios mihu!

Tiempun Kasko

Sige manadiñgan bisita siha gi lamasan fina` gupot pot chinatsagan niha. I kuestion kau guaha mancho`gue ni manma`gasta hegsu imperiadot I Deni para uma-ataha i mas chafleg na pinadesen familia gi enteru iya Marianas?

I ineppe ti ma-annunsia lau todu tumuñgu` i oppan na pinadesen mayotmente. Guaha mamaisen kau para u guaha na sakan ta`lu ayudun apas para kuentan niha gi CUC. Ni unu umoppe i kuestion kasi pot dañkulu dinida na umasusede pot esta magpu` i eleksion.

Ilegña un` prohimu, "Mauleg umana` guaha eleksion kada sakan puede suette". Lau fana`an kontodu i manlagnos fufugu sa` kara` na biahe.

I otru ilegña na mauleg umafaisen i tropan casino mas kontribusion. Kasi ni este na grupu ti u mueba kalañgke`ña na biahe. Mattu gi kulan fugon pagyu.

Gi mismu tiempu menos i monedan iya Marianas ni hinehegse miyon pot miyon na dibi yan obligasion. Inipos maribaha hinalom aduana mina` mampos mansilensiu yan homhum i lañget I Deni`. Kontodu luseru taigue gi sagaña `an chatagmag.

Menos Aduana: Komprendiyon haf` na manambarambau hinasso-ta pot mampos kasko i kahan iya Marianas. Kumeke ilegña mas megai obligasion ke haf` humahalom na aduana gi tresureru.

Dos sinisede muna` tailaye i hagas homlu` na moneda-ta. I unu maliñgu gi santatte petmanente, i otru gaige ha` na ume`enañgga propiu disposision.

Anog namase` ekonomian un` popble na grupon perlas siha guine. Gigon lache na disposision ensegidas mapuha. `Nai sumalamañka ha hala todu papa` ya ha rastra gi hilu` kaskau sin ditension.

Mampos paska pisun ekonomia-ta. Presisu ta estudian ñaihon taimanu` para ta katsun maisa hit petmanente gi fiñkas ginen hiyuñg. Yangin taya` fina` añkla ginen manfitme mas na kometsianten ginen hiyuñg pues siempre u didog appenas fondu.

Lau haf` mohon i manehante na areglu ha petsisige gi hilu` este na chinatsaga? Kau pot appenas fondu pat mampos mandispiddisiau gi gastun dididi` na moneda gi kaha?

**Dinaña` Familia:** `Nai matai i internet gi mapos na semana, kulan bendision para megai na familia sa` pot primet biahe gumuaha intuñgu` gi halom membron familia. Todu manalag hilu` sa` taigue makenarian modetnu ni munafanalag papapa` siha. Esta magof un` nana na gumuaha kampu kumonbetsasion yan famaguoña.

■■■

La`monña ha`aniña `nai solu para katsu hau gi nesessidatña maseha ti presisu. Masge` fanguo`otmu manguaguat nu ennau na patgon. Pasensiaye sa` hagu i saina. Guiya ennau na patgon espehosmu dispues de ha diñgu i pettan sanmena.

Yangin katgueti hau gi disposisionmu pues mas makat para un` guaguat i patgon gi kareraña mona. Mientras sisiña, halom ya hagu un` gu`ot talen disposision kumu saina.

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.*

Finatton Pagyu: Memegaiña ti manlistu para i iran pagyu guine gi mapos na semana. Mampos silensiu finattoña kulan un` saki gi pueñge. Ayu hit humoñgañg i yinilulog tata`lupueñge!

Debi tafan listu piot `nai katma i klima. Kada taiguenau masusede mas manrikohe fuetsaña i mamamaila` na pagyu. Kanaha` seguru na mauleg na dañu para u chogue gi finattoña.

Ni hanom ni kandet gi señgsoñg siha deste Dameñgo, Agustu dia 2. Ileghu na propiu na umahatsa komun publiku gi kada soñgsoñg para `an taya` hanom. Siña ha` manpau Sabalu hit lau malagnos i muna` chachatsaga i tilipas lodu`.

I Amiguhu: Ha gacha`yu` triniste `nai hu konsidedera mapresun un` amiguhu pot seriosu na keha ni inatisan impitu. Ni gaige para u inayuda apas kotte (bail bond) pot para umalagnos ya u preparague` para i kausaña.

Hana` lastima-yu` mampos i hagas mauleg kareraña yan asaguaña. Todu i dos manadaña` che`chu` niha gi rinikohen fiñkas para siha. Mauleg finatinas niniha kada sakan. Lau humalom i usun amot binenu. Estague` fuma` granum unai linala` niha. Lastima todu i hagas fitme na pisun hinanau niha. Pot fabot suhaye usun "shabu" `sino ice `sino kontodu hagu un` famadese sin ditension.

Sensian Yine`ase`: `Nai humuyuñg i nana taftaf para u fama` amotsan oga`an estaba i lahiña dumidimu namaisa gi menan mañantos sige manayuyot. Ha faisen haf` bidadaña. Ineppe na u famat kilu sa` ine`ekuñgog-gue` ni Saina gi tinayuyotña. "Todu hu faisen na ayudu hanana`e`yu` piot ya hu faisen 'pot fabor'."

Gi oran amotsa, finaisen haf` tinayuyoyotña. Ineppe na para i amiguña RJ ni "namase` yan inutet". Era ayu na patgon tañga yan udu. Ha dobla dos chininaña ya ha pega gi un` paper bag. Ha faisen si nanaña para una`e` i amiguna RJ dispues.

I idat ayu na patgon i mananayuyot ayudu para i amiguña ennau i nuebe años. Ha pacha mampos korasonhu i hinibeña ya gaige sensian yine`ase` gi mannamase` ni numesessita ayudu. Sumen namagof sa` este na nietun diñga` matatñga gi hineñgeña lau gai mina`aggem gi maninutet yan mannamase`.

■■■

Ilegña i biblia: "Este lokue` u suha". Haf` kinemprende-mu nu este na atpahon? Siña mohon un` pula` ya un` esplika para benefisiun linahyan?

LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly is a retired teacher and poet living on Tinian who taught English in CNMI public schools for the past 30 years. He has also taught in Alaska, New Orleans, and Las Vegas.

Here is a trilogy of sonnets on Donald Trump, currently leading the pack of Republican candidates for POTUS:

The Trumpeter Swan's Swan Song

Though never known to be mute, coy, or cute
This last hurrah didn't look like his last
Bluster and brouhaha tending towards moot
Blonde bangs bellowing insult and bombast

He trashed both parties on the left and right
With friend and foe saying Go Donald Go
He went on and on Twittering each night
Big ego missing the mixed message though

This Donald ducked questions from all comers
Retorts followed by egregious insult
Racial, feminist, politic bummers
Leading to inevitable result

The big billionaire buffoon's still alive
Spiraling downward in his last swan dive

Trump The Hack Hacking With Plenty Backing

hair swoons diaphanous around his head
swan wings flow like a d.a. or duck's ass
comedy horror getting out of bed
for the bumbling billionaire with no class

rolling through news shows leader of the pack
media loves this bread and circus king
hacking up hackneyed insults third rate hack
bringing network's sponsors plenty of bling

its more than hair and those insults of course
he can't be kidding himself any more
the fact that he is ahead makes it worse
getting past his bombast news is a chore

so Trump the hack will keep hacking away
till partisan politics has its way

How Do You Solve A Problem Like 'The Donald'

Megyn Kelly ripped into the belly
of the blonde bellicose billionaire beast
his response nationwide on the telly
cost him women voters to say the least

how do you solve a problem like Donald
how do you get him off your TV screen
his running mate might be a MAC named Ronald
or maybe his lost franchise beauty queen

how could one vote for this uncouth rich guy
who states platform issues with rarity
who gives any random insult a try
accompanied with more vulgarity

so what do I really think of D. Trump
strange, plenty of change, he's still a cheap chump

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Some historical information about Kan Pacific

As one of the pioneers in our tourism industry, I would like to share some historical and factual information regarding Kan Pacific, which does business as Mariana Resort and Spa. I am providing this information so our people especially our leaders can see the necessity and the importance of renewing their requested lease.

From 1974 to 1976, I was fortunate to serve in the Marianas District Legislature and served as the chairman of the Economics Committee. Through the combined efforts of our early leaders, i.e., President Vicente N. Santos, late representative Juan DL Cabrera, pioneer golfers the late Manny Villagomez and late Silvio Ada, we were able to convince or Resident Commissioner, Edwin Canham, to approve the lease which was an important ingredient in the development of our tourism industry. At that time, we were planning on starting direct flight from Japan to Saipan in October 1977. We felt that with the popularity of golfing in Japan, it will give us great advantages since we were only three hours away with ideal climate.

Through the support, encouragement and investment of Kan Pacific, we were able to convince and attract Takifuji Company from Japan to stage the first professional golf tournament in the CNMI. In addition, Mariana Resort was also able to assist our community in raising money for the NMC Foundation, St. Jude Church, etc. Over the years, Mariana Resort kept adding facilities that helped improved our youth's athletic capabilities by allowing the use of its Olympic-size swimming pool and baseball field, which was also used by professional baseball teams from Japan and Korea.

Ladies and gentlemen, let us not forget the many good deeds that this particular company has done for our islands in improving our tourism industry when others were hesitant to build needed and attractive facilities. Let us rally behind and protect good companies that have been with us both in good and bad times. Let us join hands in preserving and improving our economic and important relationship with Japanese investors. They have invested millions in our islands and let us not ignore that. We should nurture them. Ladies and gentlemen, please, for the sake of our economy, it is important that we maturely adopt policies that are conducive, important and respectable so we will not jeopardize our future economic prosperity.

Your partner in progressive tourism,

JM Guerrero
Fina Sisu, Saipan

GOP

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take Trump on and speak even little, tiny truths to his bully bluster. That diminished them all. Judging from the opening act, Carly Fiorina might have taken a few swings at him. She's hardcore.

■ If Jeb's last name were Hedges not Bush, I have a hunch he would have been onstage with the warm-up act.

■ I expect the consensus among the handicappers over the next few days will be that Marco Rubio and John Kasich did well and showed some skill.

■ On the downside, Rand Paul and Jeb Bush weren't very coherent. I don't know about Chris Christie, but his dust-up with Paul was nasty on both sides.

■ It doesn't appear that any of these characters buy in to the Republican National Committee's analysis that the party has to improve its performance with women and minorities to win a presidential election. Good luck with that, men.

■ As I point out at every opportunity, the following Republicans all led in polls at some point in 2012: Mitt Romney, Sarah Palin, Mike Huckabee, Rudy Giuliani, Newt Gingrich, Chris Christie, Donald Trump, Michele Bachmann, Rick Perry, Herman Cain and Rick Santorum. So the handicapping game at this point is pretty useless. You won't miss much if you tune back in after New Year's Eve.

■ Fox News ran so many ads by the NRA trashing Michael Bloomberg that somebody must think he might run. That would be fun.

■ Finally, I can't imagine that Hillary Clinton didn't have a lot of fun Thursday night. I think the rest of us would prefer that the whole campaign hibernate until, I don't know, Labor Day 2016. That seems like plenty of time to pick a winner.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East to northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.
▲86° ▼77°

WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon.
▲87° ▼77°

THURSDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°

FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
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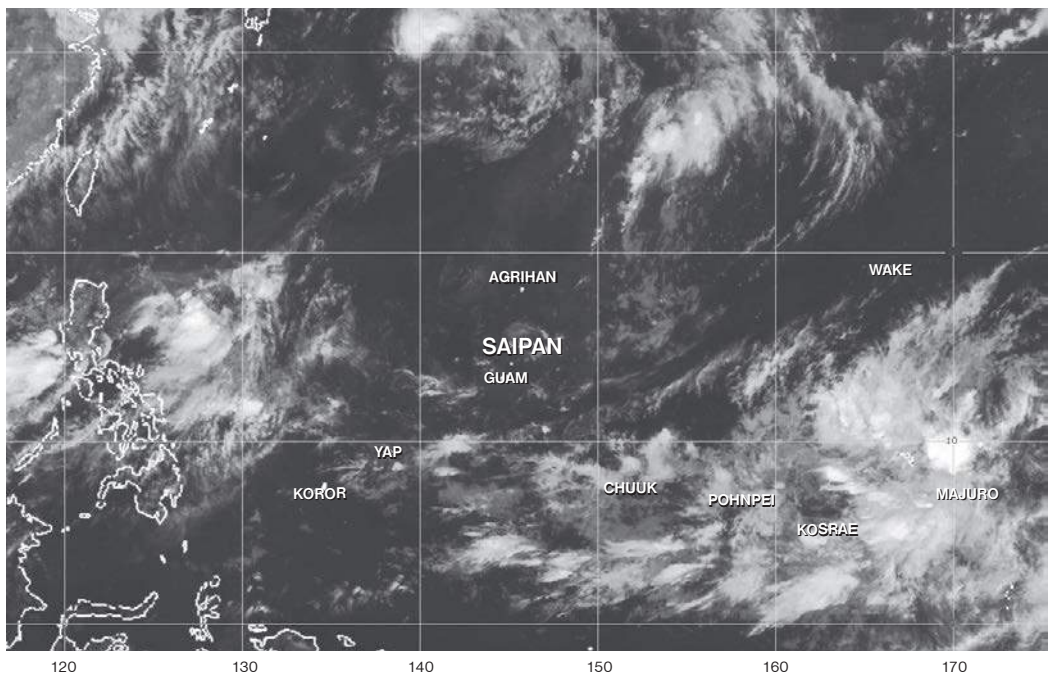
SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲86° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Convergent southwest winds over the Philippine Sea north of Koror and Yap are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near and northwest of Yap or within 100 miles of a line from 12N130E to 12N132E to 9N140E. Low-level convergence is generating areas of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between Yap and Chuuk between 3N and 10N from 142E to 154E. A surface trough heads east-southeastward from just south of Guam at 12N144E through circulations centered north of Kosrae at 9N162E and northwest of Majuro at 9N170E to beyond the date line at 6N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen across much of eastern Micronesia including Pohnpei, Kosrae, Kwajalein and Majuro between the equator and 15N from 154E to the date line.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79

Around the Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲55	▼43
Beijing	Sunny	▲92	▼69
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲90	▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
London	Cloudy	▲75	▼62
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼61
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲57	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼78
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼72
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲96	▼78
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼69
Pusan	Cloudy	▲87	▼76
Rome	Thundershowers	▲85	▼71
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲88	▼59
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼60
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼69
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼78
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲83	▼72

NMI CRIME STOPPERS
Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:
- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

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UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

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UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

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7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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Life & Style

Trump gets backlash for slamming TV anchor popular with GOP

By FRAZIER MOORE
AP TELEVISION WRITER

Donald Trump had already slammed the president, Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clilnton and his Republican rivals in the race for the White House, as well as immigrants from Mexico, the Chinese and Sen. John McCain for being a prisoner of war.

To that fast-growing list he has now added Fox News Channel host Megyn Kelly.

The Republican Party has long wrestled with the public perception that it is waging a "war on women" and has struggled to convince more women that it's on their side.

By Sunday, as Trump made the rounds of the morning TV talk shows, he was insisting, "I cherish women."

And yet for the outspoken, combative Trump, Kelly would seem to represent a type of person primed to get his goat.

At 44, she is recognized as successful, whip-smart, commanding and, as she demonstrated during Thursday's first Republican presidential debate, a woman more than ready to stand up to the 69-year-old billionaire.

Trump's position on women might be signaled by his proud ownership of beauty pageants and by his wisecrack on a TV show a decade ago that he would date his own daughter, a former teen model who was then 24, if only he weren't her father.

Referring to her debate dust-up with Trump, Kelly said in an interview broadcast Sunday, "I'm sure he'll get over that. We'll be fine. And so will America."

AP

This combination made from Aug. 6, 2015 photos shows republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, and Fox News Channel host and moderator Megyn Kelly during the first Republican presidential debate at the Quicken Loans Arena, in Cleveland.

But her appearance on Fox News Channel's "Media Buzz" was taped Friday, before Trump made his "blood coming out of her wherever" remark.

Since arriving at Fox News in 2004, Kelly has broken out as a superstar. Her prime-time program, "The Kelly File," which she launched two years ago in an upgrade from her afternoon slot, attracts upward of 2.5 million viewers—a high figure for a cable television news show.

A native of Syracuse, New York, Kelly had been a self-described "unhappy Washington lawyer" when she began as a weekend reporter for a local Washington station in 2003. A year after that, she was hired by Fox News chief Roger Ailes.

There she struck a different chord from the partisan hosts who surrounded her on the schedule, carving out an image as a calls-'em-as-she-sees-'em yet not-so-doctrinaire figure.

"I've never wanted to be an opinion host, and Roger Ailes hasn't wanted me to be an opinion host," she told The Associated Press in 2013. "I don't think I'd be very successful anyway. I'm not an ideologue. ... I think I'm too moderate and reasonable."

Kelly has cultivated an image of speaking up in ways that have even run counter to Fox's image.

On election night 2012 she left the set to go interview Fox's behind-the-scenes numbers analyst, tamping down the embarrassment of on-air contributor Karl Rove questioning the pronouncement that President Barack Obama had won re-election.

Her legal training helped Fox correct, quicker than its rivals, an initially wrong report on the Supreme Court's health care decision in 2012.

In June, she landed a huge exclusive: an interview with two of the Duggar daughters who had admitted to being sexually fondled by their brother, Josh Duggar, all stars of the TLC reality TV series, "19 Kids and Counting." Kelly also interviewed the parents, Jim Bob and Michelle Duggar, for what was the family's first discussion of the molestation episodes a dozen years before.

Kelly's most recent showcase was alongside fellow Fox News colleagues Bret Baier and Chris Wallace moderating Thursday's debate with Trump, the current Republican presidential front-runner, and nine other contenders.

An early tense exchange found her pressing Trump on his history of calling "women you don't like `fat pigs, dogs, slobs, and disgusting animals,'" with Trump firing back, "What I say is what I say. And honestly, Megyn, if you don't like it, I'm sorry. I've been very nice to you although I could probably maybe not be, based on the way you have treated me. But I wouldn't do that."

By Friday, Trump had seemingly decided to be less nice.

"She's not very tough and not very sharp," he said during a phone interview on CNN, then, referring to Kelly's style of questioning him, he added, "There was blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever."

That startling outburst cost Trump an appearance before some 1,000 conservative activists at Saturday's RedState Gathering in Atlanta when he was promptly disinvited from the event. The Republication Party asked him to "immediately clarify" his remark. Saturday evening, he and a campaign adviser parted company.

But Sunday, Trump remained defiant.

"I apologize when I'm wrong, but I haven't been wrong," he declared, saying only "a deviant" would interpret his remark as a gynecological swipe.

'Fantastic Four' bombs with $26.2M; 'Mission' again tops

NEW YORK (AP)—Hollywood's summer has had runaway sensations ("Jurassic World") and heartwarming hits ("Inside Out"). It now has its fiasco.

"Fantastic Four," 20th Century Fox's attempt to reboot the superhero team-up franchise, debuted with just $26.2 million at North American theaters over the weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. The result was bad enough that last week's leader, Tom Cruise's "Mission: Impossible—Rogue Nation," held the top spot with $29.4 million in its second week.

The overwhelming flop for "Fantastic Four" is a rare humbling for a Marvel superhero film, which often gross more than $20 million in just one night. The film has been savaged by critics and was dogged by reports of creative difficulties. Director Josh Trank even distanced himself from it Thursday in a tweet he soon-after deleted in which he alluded to studio interference: "A year ago I had a fantastic version of this," he wrote.

1. "**Mission: Impossible—Rogue Nation**," $29.4 million *($65.5 million international).*
2. "**Fantastic Four**," $26.2 million *($34.1 million international).*
3. "**The Gift**," $12 million.
4. "**Vacation**," $9.1 million.
5. "**Ant-Man**," $7.8 million *($9.2 million international).*
6. "**Minions**," $7.4 million ($18.2 million international).
7. "**Ricki and the Flash**," $7 million.
8. "**Trainwreck**," $6.3 million *($5.2 million international).*
9. "**Pixels**," $5.4 million *($9.2 million international).*
10. "**Southpaw**," $4.8 million.

"Fantastic Four" was Fox's attempt to revive a franchise just 10 years after its launch. But those earlier films—neither of which critics or fans much liked—opened twice as well. The 2005 original debuted with $56.1 million and the 2007 sequel, "Fantastic Four: The Silver Surfer," opened with $58.1 million.

The reboot, made for $120 million and with a massive marketing budget, was designed with a youthful bent, enlisting Trank (who had only 2012's "Chronicle" under his belt) and a cast of Miles Teller, Michael B. Jordan, Kate Mara and Jamie Bell. A sequel, already scheduled for 2017, now seems very unlikely.

"Obviously, we're disappointed," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution for Fox. "We'll do a post-mortem. As we do with everything that doesn't work out, we'll try to figure out why and move forward."

As late as Tuesday, Fox had tracking data that suggested the opening the industry was widely expecting: about $40 million to $50 million. But the fortunes for the film seemed to turn with the unusually bad critical reaction. "The combination of less-than-desirable reviews and the power of social media conspired to suppress the opening," Aronson said.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak, also pointed to social media's blazingly fast spread of bad buzz. The film didn't fare much better abroad, where it earned $34.1 million.

Woman goes to the mat to defend yoga photos

DEAR ABBY: A family member has recently lost more than 100 pounds running and doing yoga. She looks fantastic. Yoga is the focus of her life now, and she posts daily photos of herself on social media. In many of them she is scantily clad and in poses some might consider risque.

Whenever she attends family gatherings or outings to public places, she wants to take pictures of herself in various poses. This makes some of the people she's with uncomfortable. She says she doesn't care what others think, but there have been quite a few negative comments about this, and people have "unfollowed" her on social media. Others think it's OK for her to do her thing. What is your opinion on this?

GAGGING IN GEORGIA

DEAR GAGGING: Your relative deserves praise for having adopted a healthier lifestyle. However, because she doesn't care what others think, any family member who finds her pictures too risque for their comfort should quit following her on social media.

■■■

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Kelly," and I are arguing over whether she should take her trophies with her when she moves out on her own. I feel that when kids move out, they should take all their belongings. Kelly thinks I should keep the 10 to 15 trophies she won in beauty pageants when she was younger.

I'd like to turn her bedroom into a guest room where visiting relatives can stay, but I'm having difficulty getting my daughter to take all her stuff. Although she has grown out of her childhood trophies, she expects me to hold onto them. I suggested she pack them up and store them in her attic so she can show her children her accomplishments one day. What do you think?

BEAUTY QUEEN'S MOM IN INDIANA

DEAR MOM: I think that if you want a guest room instead of a shrine to your daughter's beauty contest achievements, you should set a deadline and insist that her trophies be removed.

■■■

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine and I have exchanged birthday cards for many years. Several years ago, she started sending me two cards each year—one on my birthday and another five or six months later. After a couple more years passed, the "second date" became the only card she sent.

I know I should have said something, but I didn't want to embarrass her. This year on my "birthday" she even called to wish me a happy one.

Is there anything I can do now? My REAL birthday is coming up soon, and I feel bad that I didn't nip this in the bud in the beginning.

ONE AT A TIME IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ONE: Oh, for Pete's sake! Friends should be able to level with each other without ruining the friendship. If you want to save her from embarrassment, tell her YOU are embarrassed because you didn't say something earlier. Then enjoy a good laugh together.

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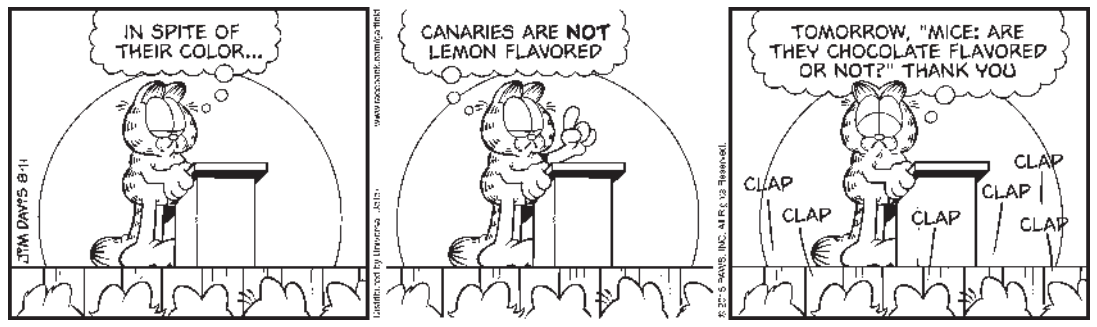
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

ALMOST EVERYWHERE YOU GO, YOU CAN HEAR PEOPLE, RADIOS, AND ALL KINDS OF ENGINES.
WHEN YOU'RE ACTUALLY CONFRONTED WITH THE STILLNESS OF NATURE, IT'S KIND OF STARTLING.
WHY, YOU CAN EVEN HEAR YOURSELF THINK.
THIS IS MAKING ME NERVOUS. LET'S GO IN.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

WHY COULDN'T YOU SLEEP?
NO IDEA.
TOO MUCH COFFEE?
THERE'S NO SUCH THING.
SOMETHING YOU ATE?
I DON'T THINK SO.
TOO MANY NAPS?
THEY'RE CALLED "POWER SIESTAS" AND I ONLY TOOK TWO.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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1 Apply your John Hancock
5 Pharm. watchdog
8 Old map abbr.
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13 Actor Voight
14 Contendere preceder
15 "Gran Torino" star
17 Prepares Easter eggs
18 Potent stick
19 Mess up
20 Abacus components
21 Father
22 Peacenik's worry
23 Access a chat room
26 Allergy inducer
30 First victim
31 Happiness
32 It takes the cake
33 Gave way
35 Eucalyptus eater
36 Nevertheless
37 Disencumber
38 Performances
41 Johnson or Heflin
42 Windy City abbr.
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50 Between jobs
51 Flex
52 Tavern
53 Wanders about

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2 Ahmadinejad's land
3 Sudden rush of wind
4 Trawler item
5 Feature of Norway's coast
6 Entrance
7 Moreover
8 "American Idol" champ Carrie
9 High-protein bean
10 Coaster
11 Flag maker Betsy
16 Withdraw gradually
20 Satchel
21 Parton's theme park
22 Method
23 Not of the cloth
24 Sapporo sash
25 "Golly!"
26 Scepter
27 Zsa Zsa's sis
28 Moray, for one
29 Modern-day evidence
31 Lustrous black
34 — Moines
35 Monarch
37 Speeder spotter
38 Unkempt one
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40 Portent
41 Aloe —
42 Last few notes
43 Retain
44 Midmonth date
46 Symbol of intrigue
47 Peruke

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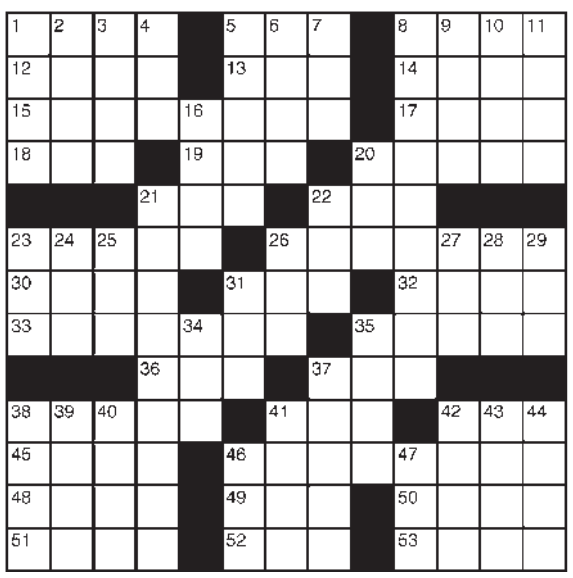

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Happy Birthday: A creative approach to the way you handle your personal affairs will help you stay on top. Exploring new possibilities and expanding your knowledge should be your target. Do whatever it takes to stabilize your personal life and domestic situation. Assess your current situation honestly and make whatever amendments are necessary. Your numbers are 1, 6, 18, 24, 29, 33, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't let your emotions take over. Taking charge by altering your living arrangements will alleviate the problems you face. Deal with matters diplomatically and refuse to let anyone pressure or take advantage of you. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Evaluate your situation. Get together with someone you trust or who can shed some light on it. Now is not the time to take action, but it is the time to assess, strategize and calculate any risks you face. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): People from your past will surface. Don't be too eager to help someone who has taken advantage of you in the past. Focus on new friendships, but be cautious of a colleague who is being too friendly or prying into your personal affairs. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Try to be understanding if someone backs out of a deal or changes his mind at the last minute. Use your imagination and you will come up with an alternative that will turn out to be more beneficial and self-satisfying. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Your attitude and opinions are changing. A new direction will be a refreshing change. Be open to options you have never considered in the past. Good fortune will come if you adapt to what's going on around you. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Renewed friendships will spark your curiosity. Don't be too quick to share your personal thoughts. Listen and consider how much you still have in common with old friends, or whether those friendships are best left alone. Expand your friendships, but choose them wisely. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Keep your thoughts to yourself. Your emotions will take over if you get into a discussion at work, putting you in a vulnerable position. Keep your distance, do your job and strive to reach your goals. Focus on self-improvement, not on changing others. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Your knowledge and interest in what everyone is doing and how they do it will help you get ahead. Rely on your own know-how and integrity. Refuse to be overshadowed by someone offering the impossible. Speak up. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You will end up in a situation that will require diplomacy and the ability to take action and stick to what you believe. Don't be too concerned with what others do. Follow what works best for you. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): It's time to take over and pursue your goals. Speak up and lay out your plans for others to view. Take on a professional challenge that can bring you high returns financially. Opportunity knocks and you must be prepared to take action. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You are overdue for a change. Don't sit back when you feel the urge to get up and go. Make personal changes that will align you with the group or industry that you feel you can make the most progress with. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Getting along with colleagues, partners or your lover will help stabilize important relationships. Accommodating others now will put you in a good position when faced with a problem. Look beyond the moment and refuse to let the past interfere with future plans. ✪✪✪✪

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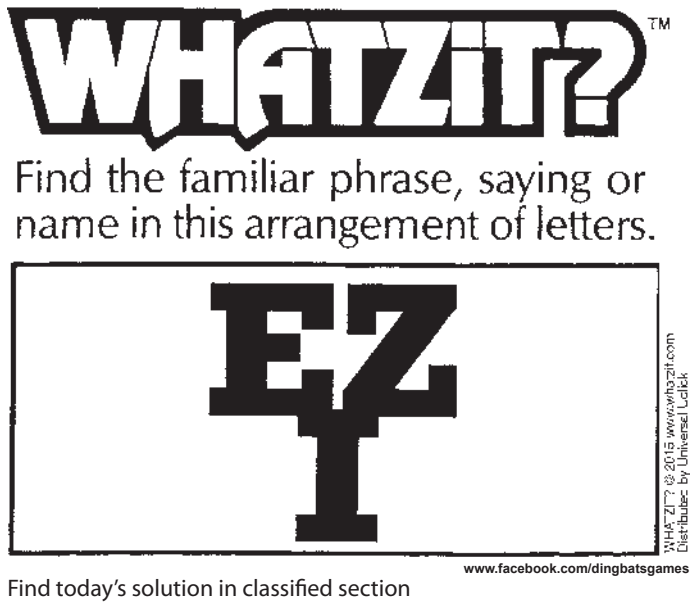

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Blue Jays win 8th straight, sweep Yankees to close in

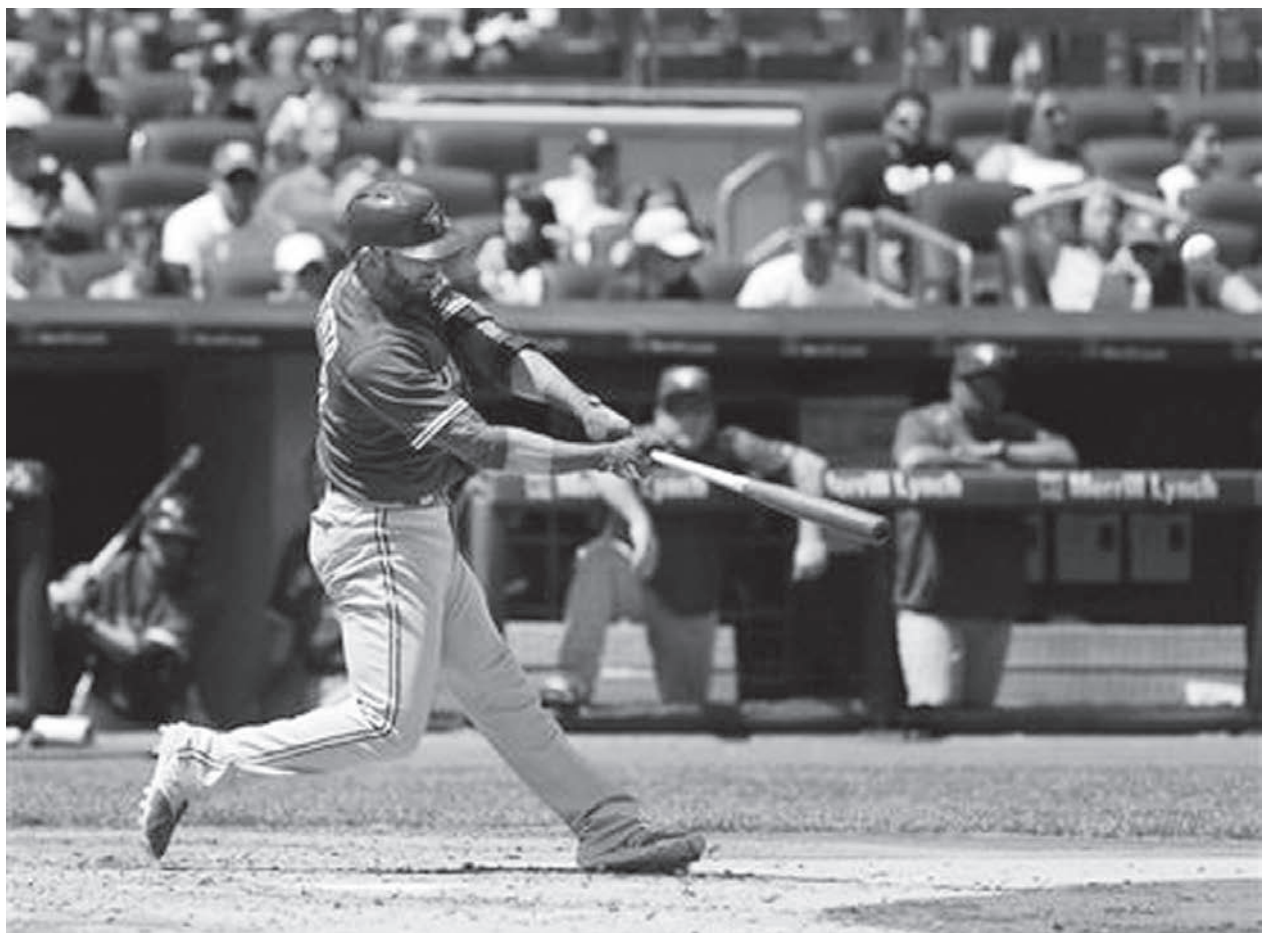
NEW YORK (AP)—Josh Donaldson and Jose Bautista each hit a long home run as the Toronto Blue Jays earned their eighth straight victory by beating the New York Yankees 2-0 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep that tightened the AL East race.

Marco Estrada (10-6) tossed three-hit ball into the seventh inning against the suddenly slumping Yankees, outpitching Masahiro Tanaka (8-5) during Toronto's second consecutive shutout.

In a series that featured the top two offenses in the majors, New York mustered only one run and went scoreless over the final 26 innings. Not since 1999 had the Yankees been blanked in two straight games.

With their 11th win in 12 games, the streaking Blue Jays pulled within 1 1/2 games of the first-place Yankees. It was the first time since May 2003 that Toronto swept New York in a series of at least three games.

Roberto Osuna worked a perfect ninth for his 10th save.



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Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista hits a solo home run during the fourth inning of the baseball game against the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in New York.

Pirates 13, Dodgers 6

In Pittsburgh, Kang Jung-ho's three-run homer capped a nine-run seventh inning, and Andrew McCutchen homered and drove in four runs for Pittsburgh, which sept the three-game series.

Kang greeted reliever Joel Peralta with his ninth homer of the season. Jim Johnson (3-4) was charged with eight runs in two-thirds of an inning.

The Pirates won for the fifth time in six games and the 15th time in their last 18 at PNC Park.

McCutchen's homer—a shot off the batter's eye in center field—came with a runner on in the fifth inning to draw the Pirates within 5-3. He added a two-run single during the big seventh inning that put Pittsburgh on top 12-5.

Francisco Cervelli had three hits, including a solo homer in the eighth, and three RBIs for the Pirates.

Arquimedes Caminero (2-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Adrian Gonzalez and Yasmani Grandal led the Dodgers' 14-hit attack with two hits and two RBIs each.

Cubs 2, Giants 0

In Chicago, Jake Arrieta pitched four-hit ball into the eighth inning as the Cubs beat the Giants for a four-game sweep of the defending world champions.

Arrieta also tripled and scored in the second as the Cubs won for the 10th time in 11 games. Chicago's first four-game sweep of San Francisco since June 1977 increased its lead for the second NL wild card to 3 1/2 games over the reeling Giants.

Arrieta (13-6) struck out six and walked two in 7 2-3 innings. The right-hander is 7-1 with a 1.23 ERA in his last 10 starts dating to a four-hit shutout at Minnesota on June 21.

Justin Grimm got the final out of the eighth, and Hector Rondon worked out of a jam in the ninth while recording his 19th save in 22 chances.

Giants right-hander Jake Peavy (2-5) allowed two runs and four hits in five innings.

Angels 5, Orioles 4, 11 innings

In Anaheim, California, David Murphy's bases-loaded single in the 11th inning lifted the Angels to victory.

Murphy also had a three-run homer in the third inning. Rookie Trevor Gott (3-0) pitched two innings for the win.

Los Angeles moved within a half-game of AL West-leading Houston, which lost 5-4 at Oakland.

Gerardo Parra and Chris Davis homered for Baltimore, and rookie Chaz Roe (2-2) got the loss.

Athletics 5, Astros 4

In Oakland, California, Danny Valencia homered in the fourth inning for Oakland, and singled in the winning run in the ninth.

Oakland's Josh Reddick had two hits and drove in two runs, including the tying run in the ninth. The A's have won three in a row and six of nine.

Colby Rasmus hit a three-run homer in the top of the ninth to give the Astros a 4-3 lead and set off a celebration in the dugout. But the Athletics responded with two runs in the bottom half.

Luke Gregerson (5-2) was handed his fifth blown save in 27 chances. The Astros have lost six of seven.

Indians 8, Twins 1

In Cleveland, Corey Kluber pitched a three-hitter for his third complete game of the season, leading Cleveland to the victory.

Kluber (7-12) didn't allow a hit until Joe Mauer's two-out single in the seventh. The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner struck out 10 and walked one in his sixth career complete game—all coming in the last two years.

Aaron Hicks hit an RBI double for Minnesota with two out in the ninth, but Mauer bounced to first on Kluber's 100th pitch for the final out.

Chris Johnson went 4 for 4 with two doubles for Cleveland, and Abraham Almonte homered for the second straight day.

Almonte's home run was the 28th allowed this season by Phil Hughes, a major league high. Hughes (10-8) was tagged for seven runs and nine hits in three innings.

Rays 4, Mets 3

In St. Peterburg, Florida, rookie Richie Shaffer hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning as Tampa Bay once again rallied from an early three-run deficit.

For the second straight day, the Rays quickly fell behind 3-0 to the NL East leaders.

Shaffer's third hit in three at-bats against Bartolo Colon (10-11) was a solo shot into the left-field seats. Shaffer entered with one hit—a homer—in seven at-bats this season.

John Jaso drove in three runs for the Rays, who reached the .500 mark at 56-56.

Xavier Cedeno (2-1) pitched a scoreless seventh while Jake McGee got three outs to pick up his sixth save.

The Mets have lost two straight following a seven-game winning streak.

Rockies 6, Nationals 4

In Washington, DJ LeMahieu hit a tiebreaking two-run single off Drew Storen with two out in the eighth inning, sending the Rockies to the road win.

Carlos Gonzalez hit two solo shots and Daniel Descalso also went deep for Colorado, which has won three of four. Gonzalez, who hit a grand slam against Storen on Friday night, is batting .394 with 15 homers and 34 RBIs in his last 27 games.

John Axford (4-5) got five outs for the win, and Tommy Kahnle worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth while recording his second save.

Ryan Zimmerman homered twice for the Nationals, who remained 1 1/2 games behind the NL East-leading Mets. Max Scherzer struck out 10 in six innings, but allowed four runs and eight hits.

Storen (2-2), who lost the closer job when Jonathan Papelbon was obtained in a July 28 trade with Philadelphia, had a 1.52 ERA coming into the series. Sunday's outing left him with a 2.70 ERA.

Red Sox 7, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Jackie Bradley Jr. homered and drove in a career-high five runs, leading Boston to the road win.

Bradley walked with the bases loaded in the second, homered in the seventh and tripled home three more runs in the eighth. Coming into the game, Bradley had a .121 batting average with one extra-base hit and four RBIs in 58 at-bats.

Henry Owens (1-1) pitched five-plus innings for his first major league win. He walked four, but allowed just one run and three hits.

Detroit right-hander Justin Verlander (1-5) allowed two unearned runs in six innings. He struck out seven and walked three while throwing 113 pitches.

Royals 5, White Sox 4

In Kansas City, Missouri, Alex Rios beat the tag at the plate on a grounder in the eighth inning, helping Kansas City finish off a three-game series sweep.

The Royals have won three straight games by one run for the first time since August 2012.

Kansas City widened its AL Central lead to 11 1/2 games and improved to 10-3 against the White Sox this season.

Kelvin Herrera (3-2) picked up the victory despite blowing a save and giving up the tying run in the eighth on Melky Cabrera's RBI single. Ryan Madson pitched the ninth for his second save in four chances.

Jake Petricka (3-3) got the loss.

Brewers 5, Cardinals 4

In Milwaukee, Khris Davis hit two home runs, including a two-run shot in the eighth inning off former teammate Jonathan Broxton as the Brewers ended the Cardinals' four-game winning streak.

Broxton (1-3), traded from Milwaukee to the NL Central leaders on July 31, relieved Kevin Siegrist with a runner on second and a 4-3 lead. Davis drove his first pitch into the Cardinals' bullpen for his 11th homer.

Will Smith (5-2) pitched a scoreless eighth. Francisco Rodriguez worked the ninth for his 26th save in 26 chances this year.

Davis also hit a two-run homer off John Lackey in the third.

Matt Carpenter hit a three-run homer off Brewers starter Jimmy Nelson with two outs in the seventh for a 4-3 lead.

Mariners 4, Rangers 2

In Seattle, streaking Nelson Cruz hit his 33rd home run for Seattle, and Felix Hernandez earned his 14th win.

Cruz tied Angels star Mike Trout for most homers in the majors this season. Hernandez (14-6) is tied for the most wins in the big leagues.

Cruz extended his hitting streak to 19 games, tying a career best, with his solo shot off Colby Lewis (12-5) in the sixth. The slugger is batting .422 with 11 home runs, six doubles and 15 RBIs during the streak.

Hernandez pitched seven innings, giving up two runs and six hits. Carson Smith worked the ninth for his 12th save in 14 opportunities.

Diamondbacks 4, Reds 3, 10 innings

In Phoenix, the Diamondbacks waited for the umpires to sort out a wild ending after baserunning follies on the final play, and left with a win over the Reds.

Arizona loaded the bases with one out in the 10th and Chris Owings lined a ball over center fielder Billy Hamilton's head.

As the Diamondbacks celebrated in the middle of the diamond, the Reds retrieved the ball—a stadium worker tossed it back—and began tagging the bases. The Reds claimed Arizona runners didn't properly advance to touch the bags before leaving the field, and should be called out on force plays.

The umpires discussed the Reds' belated try for a double play for a couple of minutes before ruling the game was over.

Ryan Mattheus (1-3) got the loss, and Josh Collmenter (4-6) pitched a perfect 10th inning for the win.

Phillies 5, Padres 3

In San Diego, Jerome Williams pitched seven crisp innings as surging Philadelphia completed a three-game series sweep.

The Phillies have won 16 of 21 for the majors' best record since the All-Star break.

Williams (4-8) entered with an 0-6 road record this season. But the right-hander held San Diego to one run and five hits.

Ken Giles worked the ninth for his sixth save in nine chances.

The Padres have lost six in a row, matching a season high. Andrew Cashner (4-12) worked 6 1-3 innings and allowed three runs and eight hits.

Marlins 4, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Brad Hand threw seven strong innings and drove in two runs with sacrifice bunts, as Miami stopped a six-game losing streak.

In the second inning, Hand (2-2) was retired at first base as Cole Gillespie scored from third. In the fifth, he drove home J.T. Realmuto with another good bunt.

Hand had two career RBIs in 63 plate appearances entering the game. Dee Gordon and Christian Yelich had the other RBIs for the Marlins.

A.J. Ramos pitched a scoreless ninth for his 18th save.

Shelby Miller (5-9) allowed two runs and five hits in five innings. He is 0-8 with a 3.16 ERA in his last 15 starts.

Pro Football Hall of Famer Frank Gifford dies at 84

NEW YORK (AP)—From the football field to the broadcast booth, Frank Gifford was a star. And a winner.

An NFL championship in 1956 with the New York Giants. An Emmy award in 1976-77 as television's "outstanding sports personality." Induction in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in '77.

Gifford, as well known for serving as a buffer for fellow announcers Don Meredith and Howard Cosell on "Monday Night Football" as for his versatility as a player, died Sunday. He was 84.

"Frank Gifford was an icon of the game, both as a Hall of Fame player for the Giants and Hall of Fame broadcaster for CBS and ABC," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "Frank's talent and charisma on the field and on the air were important elements in the growth and popularity of the modern NFL."

In a statement released by NBC News, his family said Gifford died suddenly at his Connecticut home of natural causes Sunday morning. His wife, Kathie Lee Gifford, is a host for NBC's "Today."

"We rejoice in the extraordinary life he was privileged to live, and we feel grateful and blessed to have been loved by such an amazing human being," his family said in the statement. "We ask that our privacy be respected at this difficult time and we thank you for your prayers."

A running back, defensive back, wide receiver and special teams player in his career, Gifford was the NFL's MVP in 1956. He went to the Pro Bowl at three positions and was the centerpiece of a Giants offense that went to five NFL title games in the 1950s and `60s.

Beginning in 1971, he worked for ABC's "Monday Night Football," at first as a play-by-play announcer and then as an analyst.

Later in life he stayed in the spotlight through his marriage to Kathie Lee Gifford, who famously called him a "human love machine" and "lamb-chop" to her millions of viewers.

In this Sept. 9, 1958 file photo, New York Giants halfback Frank Gifford participates in a workout in New York. AP

"He was a great friend to everyone in the league, a special adviser to NFL commissioners, and served NFL fans with enormous distinction for so many decades," Goodell added.

Gifford hosted "Wide World of Sports," covered several Olympics— his call of Franz Klammer's downhill gold medal run in 1976 is considered a broadcasting masterpiece— and announced 588 consecutive NFL games for ABC, not even taking time off after the death of his mother shortly before a broadcast in 1986.

"Frank Gifford was an exceptional man who will be missed by everyone who had the joy of seeing his talent on the field, the pleasure of watching his broadcasts, or the honor of knowing him," said Bob Iger, chairman and CEO of The Walt Disney Company, which owns ABC.

"His many achievements were defined by a quiet dignity and a personal grace that is seldom seen in any arena; he truly embodied the very best of us."

While he worked with others, including Dan Dierdorf, Al Michaels, Joe Namath and O.J. Simpson, Gifford was most known for the eight years he served as a calming influence between the folksy Meredith and acerbic Cosell.

In its early years the show was a cultural touchstone, with cities throwing parades for the visiting announcers and celebrities such as John Lennon and Ronald Reagan making appearances.

"I hate to use the words `American institution,' but there's no other way to put it, really," Gifford told The Associated Press in 1993. "There's nothing else like it."

A straight-shooter who came off as earnest and sincere, Gifford was popular with viewers, though some accused him of being a shill for the NFL.

He experienced the highs and lows as a player. Gifford fumbled twice early in the 1958 NFL championship game, both of which led to Baltimore Colts touchdowns, and later came up short on a critical third down. The Colts eventually won 23-17 in the league's first overtime game, which helped popularize the NFL and was dubbed "The Greatest Game Ever Played," although not by Gifford.

"Not my greatest game," Gifford told the AP in 2008. "I fumbled going out (of the end zone) and I fumbled going in."

Gifford had his best year in 1956, rushing for 819 yards, picking up 603 yards receiving and scoring nine touchdowns in 12 games. The Giants routed the Bears 47-7 at Yankee Stadium, where Gifford shared a locker with Mickey Mantle.

"Frank Gifford was the ultimate Giant," co-owner John Mara said. "He was the face of our franchise for so many years."

A crushing hit by 233-pound Eagles linebacker Chuck Bednarik in November 1960 flattened Gifford and likely shortened his football career. Bednarik was pictured standing over the unconscious Gifford, pumping his fist in a celebration thought by many to be over the top. Gifford was in the hospital for 10 days and sidelined until 1962.

Born Aug. 16, 1930, in Santa Monica, Calif., Frank Newton Gifford was the son of an itinerant oil worker. Growing up in Depression-era California, Gifford estimated he moved 47 times before entering high school, occasionally sleeping in parks or the family car and eating dog food.

Gifford's 5,434 yards receiving were a Giants record for 39 years, until Amani Toomer surpassed him in 2003. His jersey number, 16, was retired by the team in 2000.

When he wasn't on the field, Gifford tried to put his movie-star good looks to use in Hollywood, appearing in about a dozen films, most notably the 1959 submarine movie "Up Periscope."

Vikings top Steelers 14-3 in Hall of Fame game

CANTON, Ohio (AP)—Teddy Bridgewater didn't want to talk about the completions. Last the Minnesota quarterback checked, getting the ball where it needs to go is the main part of his job.

It's that one miss, however, that will stick with the reigning Rookie of the Year.

Bridgewater's only series in a 14-3 victory over Pittsburgh in the Hall of Fame game Sunday ended up with the Vikings getting stuffed on fourth down after Bridgewater failed to complete a simple flip to Mike Wallace on third down that would have given Minnesota first-and-goal.

"It's one of those deals where it's good to stay within the system," Bridgewater said. "If I hit Mike, we avoid fourth down."

Maybe Bridgewater is being picky after going 5 of 6 for 44 yards during his cameo, but with an extra preseason game this summer, the Vikings and their emerging leader have plenty of time to work on it.

Backup quarterback Mike Kafka threw a touchdown pass and running back Joe Banyard ran for another score long after Bridgewater exited as the Vikings improved to 5-0 in exhibitions under second-year coach Mike Zimmer.

"Wish I was 5-0 in the regular season," he said, laughing.

Both teams have a month before things start to count for real, giving the annual exhibition opener an even more pedestrian feel.

Hall of Famer Jerome Bettis waved a "Terrible Towel" during pregame introductions, with the decidedly pro-Pittsburgh crowd roaring its approval, the only moment of true star power on a night the bold-faced names still in uniform didn't break a sweat if they even bothered to suit up at all.

Minnesota running back Adrian Peterson's return from a lengthy suspension will have to wait at least one more week, if not decidedly longer. He hung out on the sideline while the backups did the heavy lifting.

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger stuck to attire more appropriate for the gym. All-Pro running back Le'Veon Bell and All-Pro wide receiver Antonio Brown put together a full dress rehearsal, even going through warm-ups then spent four quarters as spectators, the only exercise the notoriously hard-working Brown enjoyed coming while he absentmindedly worked the exercise bike.

Bridgewater deftly guided the Vikings on a 10-play, 51-yard drive in the first quarter, hitting tight end Kyle Rudolph for a pair of 11-yard gains. Rather than attempt a short field goal on fourth-and-1 from the 10, Zimmer opted to go for it only to see Jerick McKinnon stopped for no gain by nose tackle Steve McLendon, one of the handful of Pittsburgh regulars to actually take the field.

With Roethlisberger given the night off and usual backup Bruce Gradkowski dealing with a sore arm, the Steelers gave third-stringer Jones an extensive look. The leading passer in Oklahoma history is trying to convince the team to keep three quarterbacks on the roster. While coach Mike Tomlin said early in camp Jones was on the "incline" he was going to reserve judgment until after seeing Jones face guys in different-color jerseys.

The early returns weren't exactly promising after the Steelers failed to produce a touchdown or generate much momentum with Jones under center.

Jones completed 15 of 32 passes for 128 yards and an interception while taking nearly every Pittsburgh snap.

"Some good things, some bad things," Jones said. "It will be interesting to see what it's like to go watch the film and learn from it. I missed a couple of passes. A lot of these guys have never played in the NFL before, either, so I'm sure they were nervous like me."

Jones led the Steelers on their only scoring drive of the half, finding Shakim Phillips for a 35-yard strike that set up a 36-yard field goal by Shaun Suisham, who later left with what Tomlin called a "potentially significant" injury.

"I just wanted to see a winning performance," Tomlin said. "We come into these situations to win. August or no, that's what we're looking for - not only in (Jones) but all of us collectively. He's got room for improvement. Obviously, some of the game-management things, delays of game, we can't have."

Minnesota didn't have nearly as much trouble finding the end zone after the early near miss. Kafka took advantage of a blown coverage to connect with MyCole Pruitt for an easy 34-yard TD strike 4:20 left in the first half.

The Vikings extended the lead midway through the third quarter following a 62-yard punt return by rookie Stefon Diggs. He was tripped up just short of the goal line. No matter, one play later, Banyard strolled into the end zone to make it 14-3.

Lowry introduces himself on world stage with Bridgestone win

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Shane Lowry remained somewhat of a mystery to the golf audience outside Ireland and parts of Europe.

He won the Irish Open as an amateur in 2009, and he picked up his first win as a pro three years later in Portugal. He has been showing up at the majors the last few years, though this is the first year he has been eligible for all of them.

Jim Furyk played with him on Saturday at the Bridgestone Invitational and was asked what he thought of the 28-year-old Irishman's game. Furyk said he was impressed.

One day later, so was everyone else.

On a strong course at Firestone, with a trio of major champions chasing him, Lowry delivered the biggest round of his career. He played bogey-free for a 4-under 66, built a two-shot lead and produced two amazing shots and two clutch par saves for a two-shot victory over Bubba Watson.

"It doesn't get any better than that, does it?" Lowry said. "To beat those guys down the stretch on a golf course like this ... it just shows a lot about my game, that it's good enough to compete at any level."

The two shots that stood out involved trees.

Lowry was so far left off the tee at No. 10 that he received a free drop because the signage on the 11th tee box was in his way. Still to be navigated was a 50-foot tree about 40 yards in front of him, so he opened the face of a pitching wedge and let it rip - over the green, onto the green with a bounce that fed it to tap-in range for birdie.

"I was just trying to get up around the green and make a 4," Lowry said.

He finished in style. Clinging to a one-shot lead and a minor case of the nerves, he hit his worst drive of the day so far left that it was buried in deep rough with more trees in front of him. Lowry hammered a sand wedge through the tree, hopeful of getting it close to the green for a reasonable shot at par.

Imagine his surprise when after all the clatter of branches, he saw the ball hit the green and heard the crowd roar. It settled just over 10 feet away, and for good measure, Lowry dropped that in for a final birdie and a certain win.

"It's fairly special to do that against such a good field, to shoot bogey-free 66 on a golf course like that," Lowry said. "I know it will stay with me now for the rest of my career. I've done everything I needed to do today."

Watson thought he hit two good sand wedges for a good look at birdie on the 16th and 18th holes. Both bounced hard and left him long putts that he missed, and he had to settle for a 66 and a runner-up finish.

Furyk and Justin Rose, who shared the lead and were two shots clear of Lowry, were annoyed for different reasons after both shot 2-over 72 to tie for third. Rose hit the ball beautifully. Furyk did not. Rose couldn't buy a putt. Furyk, who relied so heavily on his putter for the opening two rounds, didn't make enough to cover his errors.

But this day belonged to Lowry, a gregarious personality with deep pride in family and heritage. As he sat down next to his trophy, he quickly moved a stand holding two Irish flags closer into view.

He narrowly qualified through the category of top 50 in the world—he was No. 48 and stayed there at the cutoff. He became the first non-PGA Tour member to win a World Golf Championship since Martin Kaymer in 2011 at the HSBC Champions.

And he was worthy of the title—not so much from the shots out of the trees, but the pars that win tournaments.

Right when it appeared he would lose some of his two-shot lead with a tee shot into a bunker on the 14th, Lowry poured in an 18-foot par putt. And on the 17th, after watching Watson make his own escape from the trees for an unlikely birdie, Lowry knocked in a 6-foot par putt.

Before long, he was on his way to the PGA Championship with the trophy and $1.527 million in the bank from his victory. He finished at 11-under 269.

Back home in Ireland, the celebration was already under way.

His younger brother last week won the Mullingar Scratch Cup, a big amateur event that Rory McIlroy, Padraig Harrington, Paul McGinley and other top Irish stars have won. Now there's another trophy for the Lowry household, and it's a big one.

AP

Shane Lowry, from Ireland, kisses the trophy after winning the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club, Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015, in Akron, Ohio.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	61	49	.555	–
Toronto	61	52	.540	1½
Baltimore	56	54	.509	5
Tampa Bay	56	56	.500	6
Boston	50	62	.446	12

Central Division

Kansas City	66	44	.600	–
Minnesota	55	56	.495	11½
Detroit	54	57	.486	12½
Chicago	51	58	.468	14½
Cleveland	51	59	.464	15

West Division

Houston	61	52	.540	–
Los Angeles	59	51	.536	½
Texas	55	55	.500	4½
Seattle	52	60	.464	8½
Oakland	51	62	.451	10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	59	52	.532	–
Washington	57	53	.518	1½
Atlanta	51	61	.455	8½
Philadelphia	45	67	.402	14½
Miami	44	68	.393	15½

Central Division

St. Louis	71	40	.640	–
Pittsburgh	65	44	.596	5
Chicago	62	48	.564	8½
Cincinnati	49	60	.450	21
Milwaukee	48	65	.425	24

West Division

Los Angeles	62	49	.559	–
San Francisco	59	52	.532	3
Arizona	54	56	.491	7½
San Diego	52	60	.464	10½
Colorado	47	62	.431	14

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near first base was completely down as a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. pole hit it. The press box was partially damaged, while the facility's sign was completely broken. Some parts of the fence at the track facility were also down, while tree branches, trunks, and leaves were scattered around the oval.

"Obviously, we can't open the Oleai Sports Complex with the kind of damage it sustained from the typhoon. There will be no games until further notice," Rogolifoi said.

Postponed tournaments

Saipan Soccer School is postponing its U13 co-ed futsal tournament while the island is still recovering from Soudelor.

Games in the futsal contest were originally scheduled from Aug. 9 to 22 at the TSL Sports Complex, which remains close for clearing.

SSS is also resetting the kickoff of the Summer Sports Fest with the new date to be announced later. The event was supposed to start last Aug. 3.

Another event set for this month—the Marianas Paddlefest—will be rescheduled. The clinic and races were initially slated on Aug. 29 and 30.

Golf courses updates

Meanwhile, the 18-hole east course of Laolao Bay Golf & Resort is now open, while only the first nine holes of the west course is available for play.

Over at the Marianas Country Club, only the first nine holes is open and for in-house guests of Mariana Resort only. Limited slots will be made available by Aug. 13 as clearing operations are still ongoing at the Marpi course.

Down south at the Coral Ocean Point, the entire course is unavailable until further notice.

Kingfisher Golf Links has yet to make an announcement regarding the availability of the Talafofo course.

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registered on March 21, 2014. Yanai's new age group records is not yet official, pending certification from Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation.

The 16-year-old swimmer was on Heat 2 of the qualifying races for the 100m breaststroke and finished second in his group behind Grenada's Corey Ollivierre (1:08.39) and ahead of six others.

According to Mike Marron of *The Reporters' Academy*, which writes stories on Oceania swimmers competing in Kazan, Yanai also had the second fastest reaction time (62 seconds) off the blocks behind world record-holder and Great Britain's Adam Peaty (60 seconds). Peaty, whose world record reads at 57.92 seconds, went on to set a new championship mark of 58.52 seconds after topping Heat 9 and surpassing the 58.58 seconds Richard Brenton of Australia logged in Rome, Italy on July 27, 2009.

"I felt nervous after all the work I put in before the championships. It was a great atmosphere, but I was shaking," Yanai was quoted as saying in a post-race interview with *The Reporters' Academy*.

The Tsunami Saipan swimmer had the same reaction time off the blocks in the 50m breaststroke qualifying race last Aug. 4 to again place second behind Peaty (60 seconds) and ahead of then record-holder and South Africa's Cameron Van Der Burgh (65 seconds). Yanai completed the sprint race in 31.46 seconds, his second personal best and another new age group mark, erasing the 31.90 seconds Kai Staal tallied on July 28, 2009 during the 13th World Championships in Italy.

The Marianas High School student managed to set a new PBT and age group record despite deviating from his plan.

"That was tough. The plan was to go from easy to fast but then I went a bit too fast for the first part and I wasn't thinking," Yanai was quoted as saying in an interview with Marron.

Yanai added that although he had a tough race, he was pleased with his results.

Meanwhile, Peaty also ruled the 50m breaststroke event after clocking in at 26.51 seconds in the finals. The Brit broke, too, Van Der Burgh's world record (26.67 seconds).

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Series. Thank you so much," he said in a posting on Facebook.

According to 2015 Senior World Series official website (www.worldseries.bangorinfo.com) communication staff Chris DeBeck, the donation came from jars left at key points in the stadium, "passing the hat" at two series games, and corporate donations.

Dave Mansfield, father of the late Shawn and director of the Mansfield Stadium, turned over the ceremonial check to the team representatives last Friday (Saturday on Saipan) during the tournament's banquet. Members of the Old Town Little League, the Maine District 3 champion and defeated the CNMI twice in the tournament, were also present at the check presentation.

"We hope in some small way this will help the island," Mansfield was quoted as saying in DeBeck's report.

The donation will be divided among the team members and coaches, who in return will use the money to help their family and relatives that are recovering from the devastation caused by Soudelor.

"The very good people of Bangor, Maine along with all the fans of visiting teams worked hard to see this through with all of us. The gesture alone showed the love they have for our community. Forever thanks and respect to all of you for all you have done for us here," Murig said on behalf of the CNMI squad.

The team capped its World Series stint with an even 2-2 record. West University Little League of West University Place, Texas, won the competition for the second straight year and was also the recipient of the coveted Sportsmanship Award.

The CNMI Senior All-Stars earned a World Series trip after ruling the 2015 Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Championship Saipan hosted last month.

2015 Rollers Basketball Tournament

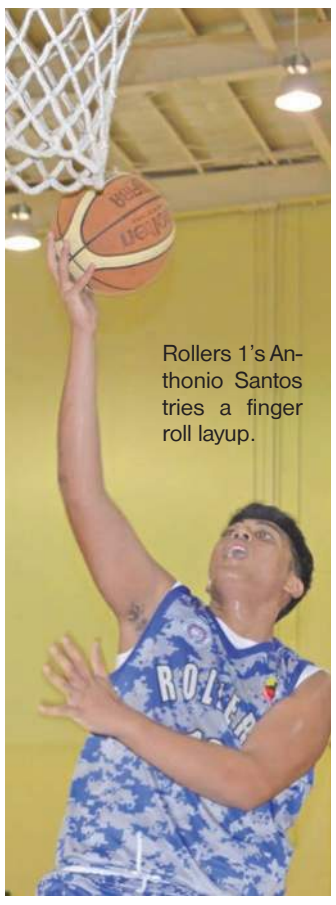
PHOTOS By MARK RABAGO

Rollers 1's Anthonio Santos has an easy layup after a pass from teammate Jethro Cruz.

A Rollers 1 player tries a between the legs pass against Ol'Aces' Edmund Borja.

Rollers 1's Mike Espinosa goes up for a fastbreak layup against Ol'Aces in their U17 championship game last Aug. 1 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Rollers 1 bludgeoned the Ol'Aces, 72-39.

Rollers 1's Kenji Abobo goes up against two Ol'Aces players in this fastbreak foray.



Rollers 1's Anthonio Santos tries a finger roll layup.

Rollers 1 players and coaches in a huddle.

Rollers 1's Dicky Feria drives against Ol'Aces' B.J. Norita.

Rollers 1's Joel Subang and Melvin Deocares smile as they try to play hot potato with the ball.

Rollers 1's Joel Subang fakes the defense of an Ol'Aces player.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The fence near the first base of the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Softball Field bore the brunt of Typhoon Soudelor that hit Saipan last Aug. 2.

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Northern Marianas Sports Association is working on an assessment report on the damage sustained by the Oleai Sports Complex from Typhoon Soudelor.

NMSA executive director Tony Rogolifoi said the report will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to seek financial assistance for the repair of the facilities inside the complex. The complex houses the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field, the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Softball Field, the track and field oval, and the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Ada Gym was flooded after Soudelor hit Saipan on Aug. 2, as the facility lost covers of some vents and had broken windows. The batting cage at the "Tan Ko" field was crumpled, while portion of the fence (on the side facing Sun Palace Hotel) went down and the nets that are used to catch fly balls near home plate were damaged.

At the "Tan Ge" pitch, the two warm-up cages were also torn and the fence

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The batting cage is no more as the facility beside the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field crumpled when Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan last Aug. 2.

Kaito gets PBTs, age group records

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The CNMI's Kaito Yanai debuted in the 16th FINA World Championships with record-breaking swims at the Kazan Arena in Kazan, Russia.

Yanai kicked off his bid in the biennial event last Aug. 2, timing in at 1:09.59 in the 100m breaststroke. He eclipsed his previous personal best time (1:11.19), which happened to be the old age group mark, too, in the 15 to 16 division

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MIKE MARRON

The CNMI's Kaito Yanai races in the 100m breaststroke event in the 16th FINA World Championships last week at the Kazan Arena in Kazan, Russia.

Senior All-Stars bring home $5K donation

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dave Mansfield, fifth left, director of the Shawn T. Mansfield Stadium, and his daughter, present the ceremonial check donation to representatives of the CNMI Senior League All-Star Team last week in Bangor, Maine, at the conclusion of the 2015 Senior League World Series.

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Members of the CNMI Senior League All-Star Team are arriving today, bringing home with them $5,000 in monetary donations from Bangor, Maine.

The squad participated in the 2015 Senior League Baseball World Series at the Shawn T. Mansfield Stadium from Aug. 2 to 7 and during the competition, the group received monetary donations from the tournament's fans, players, and supporters, who learned about Saipan residents affected by typhoon Soudelor.

The team is composed of Lorenzo Sebaklim, Craig Aguon, Brandon Pua, Virgil Secharmidal, Franko Nakamura, Aurel Mendiola, Anthony Agulto, Henry Lizama, Roke Tenorio, Joaquin Chong, Franklin Lizama, Richard Atalig, Jobe Reyes, Nathan Camacho, and Ethan Babauta, head coach Lawrence Camacho, assistant coach John Manibusan, and manager Greg Camacho. Former CNMI District Administrator James Ada and Saipan Little League statistician A.J. Murig also joined the Commonwealth delegation to Bangor.

CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sabkan (Ind-MP) thanked the Senior World Series organizers and the city of Bangor, Maine, for the kind gesture.

"The people of Bangor, Maine, represented in Congress by Mr. Bruce Poliquin, my neighbor at 426 Cannon House Office Building, have open their hearts to the Northern Marianas and our team at the Senior League World

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